



Year 6 Curriculum letter

Autumn 1



Welcome to Year 6 and the final year in Primary School! We are so glad to welcome the children back to school. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are ready for an action packed half term.

Our main topic for term is Mexico. During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- We will dig into the ancient past to discover what made the Maya so special and the influence they still have on our lives today.
- We will have the chance to explore modern Mexico, looking at food, dance, music and festival.
- During our first half term, we will experiment with light, asking what it is, where it comes from and whether we could manage without it.
- We will consider where the universe began and whether Scientific and Religious beliefs about this can co-exist, alongside Mayan myths about creation.

As well as our main topic, we will also cover these areas:

- **Reading:** Our class text will be 'The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We will also discuss excerpts from texts and film clip: The Mayan Creation Story, The Day of the Dead and The Alchemist's Letter.
- **Writing:** Using our reading as a base, we will write instructions, a newspaper article, a persuasive text and an argument. We will continue to practice the statutory word for Years 5 and 6, and explore spelling rules for suffixes and hyphenated words. We will learn how to use the passive voice, subjunctive mood and perfect tense.
- **Maths:** We will investigate numbers to ten million, negative numbers, prime, square and cube numbers, long multiplication and division and work with these to reason and solve problems.
- **Science:** We will investigate the human eye and how we see; reflection, refraction and the light spectrum.
- **Art:** We will explore symbolism used by Mexican people to represent the Day of the Dead; accessorise a skeleton to represent the duality of life and death then mould and decorate a death mask.
- **Computing:** We will use functions, user input, flow charts and control simulations to write our own text based adventure game.
- **Geography:** We will identify the key cities and biomes of Mexico; explore its human geography
- **History:** We will consider what it would be like to live as an ancient Mayan; how the empire grew so powerful and what caused it to eventually fail.
- **Music:** We will appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.
- **PE:** Skills drawn from Athletics and Cricket. PE kit must be in school every day and will come home on a Friday to be washed. Please ensure that children have warm clothes with them too, as we will do PE outside as much as possible.
- **RE:** We will consider whether our amazing universe could have happened by accident or must it have had a designer? We will look at what does Genesis tell us; and consider whether Science and Religion overlap?
- **French:** We will ask questions; give opinions and justify them.
- **PSHCE:** Our topic is Being Me In My World - individual rights and democracy (locally and globally).

If you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year, please feel free to contact me via the school email.

I look forward to a great year,

Mrs Barrows