

# NEWSLETTER

## For CLASS 5/6

### January 2019



## Happy New Year!

I hope you had a peaceful holiday and are ready for another exciting - and busy - term. During this term, through our topics of 'Hola Mexico!' and 'Brutal Battles', we will be exploring the exciting culture and history of Mexico, followed by the drama of the Anglo-Saxon invasions.

## Diary Dates

7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March: Shakespeare Week

26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May SATS Week (Y6)



## Sports

Class 6 P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E. kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps (please check the size!). P.E. kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) will also be required.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

## Homework Information

Homework should last approximately half an hour - if your child is struggling to finish, please sign their work to signify this or write a note in their homework diary. The diaries are a valuable source of communication between home and school, so please ensure your homework diary is in school every day.

### Homework schedule:

*Issued: Wednesday*

*Due in: Tuesday*

1. A mental strategy and multiplication tables to learn for the mental maths test on Monday.
2. Spellings to learn ready for the spelling test on the following Tuesday.
3. Topic/ Science/English
4. Maths homework books

## Our Curriculum



This term our topics will be 'Hola Mexico!' and 'Brutal Battles'

**ENGLISH:** We will continue with our focus on developing the use of a wider range of punctuation and increasing our writing stamina through non-chronological reports, myths and legends. In our reading activities, we will continue to explore a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts as we increase our ability to use evidence to support our opinions.

**MATHEMATICS:** Our focus will be: calculating with decimals; application of percentages; solving algebraic expressions and calculating with fractions. We will also explore properties of shapes, data handling and angles.

**SCIENCE:** We will begin by studying electricity and completing a range of investigations. We will then move to exploring the human circulatory system and the impact of diet and exercise on the way our bodies function.

**GEOGRAPHY:** We will investigate the environment of Mexico, considering both human and physical geography.

**ART/DT:** We will be designing and creating Aztec masks. We will also design chocolate bars and their packaging.

**COMPUTING:** We will be using spreadsheets to analyse data and we will then create presentations using the results.

**RE:** Our studies of the Christian, Jewish and Hindu faiths will include: considering the role of places of worship and how these differ.

**PSHE:** We will focus on: the links between our thoughts, feelings and emotions; making good choices; mindfulness and applying a growth mindset approach to life.

**FRENCH:** We will continue to increase our vocabulary, and apply this in both spoken and written French. Focussing on clothing and emotions.

**MUSIC:** We will be exploring a range of musical styles linked to our topics.

## And finally...

As the weather starts to turn colder, please could you ensure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing for break and lunchtimes.

We are looking forward to a busy term which will involve lots of challenges and successes, especially as Y6 prepare for their SATS in May. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any issues that may arise or any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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