

Autumn Term: Curriculum Newsletter: Year 6

<u>Autumn Term 1 Topic:</u>	Marvellous Mayan
<u>Autumn Term 2 Topic:</u>	Who do you think you are?




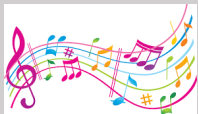

Dear Parents / Carers





We hope that you have had a really lovely summer break and that your children are feeling refreshed, revitalised and ready for the academic year ahead!

This term your children will be learning the history of the Maya Civilisation (Term 1) and an art based topic entitled **Who do you think you are?** (Term 2). Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will bring home this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, dates, figures and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework, by the end of the term when they will take their 'end of topic quizzes'.

Focus on Curriculum

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: The Circulatory System.• Electricity
History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timeline of the Maya civilisation and a comparison with Anglo - Saxons.
Art and Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study a range of famous artists (such as Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Warhol) focusing on portraits and different application techniques.• Produce a final self-portrait that illustrates their identity.
Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore and learn the song 'Happy ' by Pharrell Williams : a pop song with a soul influence about being happy.
Languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Au Salon de the - French topic based upon ordering in a cafe .• Chez Moi - Description of a home environment.

<p>Religious Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study of the Christian faith.
<p>Personal Development (SCARF)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me and My Relationships: Collaboration, negotiation and assertiveness • Valuing difference: friendship, tolerance, respect and challenging stereotypes
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Heroes (Developing self-confidence run by Up and Under Sports) • Hockey and Basketball <p><i>PE days this term are: Tuesday am; Thursday pm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnastics and Football
<p>Computing (Purple Mash)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety • Text Adventures

Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

<p>Websites</p>
<p>https://www.mexicolore.co.uk/maya/teachers/maya-and-aztec-creation-myths https://www.ducksters.com/history/</p>
<p>Books</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DK first History Encyclopedia: A First Reference Book for Children (DK First Reference)

Homework

In year 6, it is vital that we support our children to gain greater independence in the completion of their homework, in order to help them become 'Secondary Ready' by the end of the year.

It is expected that your child will continue to read independently at home and complete the task in their reading record (please see newsletter to ensure your child is completing the correct week), learn their spellings and study the information on their topic knowledge organisers each week, which will make up part of the weekly homework.

In addition to these expectations, we will be setting a Maths task every week. This will be focused upon basic skills, and will be in a familiar format, based upon class learning from the week, so the children should be able to complete the tasks reasonably unsupported.

Important Dates for Your Diaries

- September 12th : Opportunity to Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
- October 3rd : School photographs (individual and families)
- October 13th : Visit from a Maya workshop

If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Ash, Mrs Burch and Mrs Zenonos.