

Autumn Term 1: Curriculum Newsletter: Year 6

<u>Autumn Term 1 Topic:</u>	Marvellous Maya
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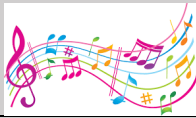
Dear Parents / Carers

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. 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 quiz'.

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 	• Biology: The Circulatory System.
History 	• Timeline of the Maya civilisation and a comparison with Anglo - Saxons.
Music 	• Explore and learn the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams : a pop song with a soul influence about being happy.
Languages 	• French festivals - Bastille and Mardi Gras • Au Salon de the - French topic based upon ordering in a cafe .
Personal Development (SCARF) 	• Healthy Heroes (Developing self-confidence lead by Up and Under Sports)

Physical Education 	• Basketball and Hockey <i>PE days this term are: Tuesday am; Friday pm</i>
Computing (Purple Mash) 	• Online safety • Coding

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.

Websites
https://www.mexicolore.co.uk/maya/teachers/maya-and-aztec-creation-myths https://www.ducksters.com/history/
Books
• 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), practise their spellings (Spelling shed worksheet and online games) and study the information on their topic knowledge organisers each week. All of this 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 11 Meet the teacher meetings
- September 17 Marlborough Literature Festival - Y5 and 6
- October 1 Photographer: Individual portraits and sibling photos
- October 10 Hello Yellow Mental Health Day
- October 17 Year 6 Maya workshop
- October 22 Flu immunisations

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 Burch, Mrs Ash and Mrs Parry-Williams