

This term's project in Year 6

Día de los Muertos

Driving Question

What do you think of Mexican life?

We take an exciting dive into Mexican culture to explore traditions, foods, beliefs and – of course – the Day of the Dead celebration. We also take a look into the gruesome life of the ancient Mayans as part of our History curriculum.

Learning Launch

On the first day back, we're straight into seeing what we already know about Mexico, as well as looking at the Islamic celebration of Eid.

How Can You Help?

- Why not try out some Mexican recipes at home?
- Why not find out about the Ancient Mayans and the impact they had upon Mexican life?
- Why not learn some basic Spanish?
- Why not apply art/DT skills and produce some traditional Mexican clothing?

Experiences, Visits & Visitors

- Cookery – we'll be making chocolate by following the original Mayan recipe (don't get too excited about that, though – chocolate is very, very different now!)
- Design – we'll be designing our own waistcoats after looking at some famous fashion designers in DT!

English

We will be reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar and imagining that we are the main character, Stanley. We'll also be challenging our writing skills by writing a narrative that interchanges between two different perspectives. On top of all this, we'll be finishing our primary school journey with a very exciting but top-secret writing project which sees us producing a book from the brainstorming phase to publication!

Mathematics

We will be learning all about angles in shapes, interpreting and creating line graphs, and giving our calculation skills one final push. We will also be applying all of the skills that we have learnt throughout Key Stage 2 to problem solving and investigations.

Things To Remember

Homework

The way homework works will remain unchanged from last term. Reading continues to be one of the most important things you can do to support your child's progress at home. Thank you so much to you all for your support with this last term – it really has made a huge difference to the class.

PE

This term, we have PE on a Monday and a Friday. It's important (in preparation for next year) that your child gets used to packing their PE kit for a Monday, as we still have a few children who regularly forget their kits on Mondays!

Knowledge Summary

You will find a Knowledge Organiser with this letter or on our school website. This will show all of the basic key knowledge that children need throughout the topic and we would really appreciate you supporting your child with learning this knowledge. They have also been given a printed copy.

Secondary School

With only three months of primary school life remaining, we start to focus heavily on the transition into secondary school. We will be exploring differences to primary school life as well as looking at ways of making new friends, getting used to self-organisation and how to ensure we continue to push ourselves to be the best that we can be.

