Year 6 Autumn 1



Hola Mexico!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals. Welcome to Autumn Term 1 in Year 6. Our topic this half term is all about Mexico. Please see below for what we will be covering in each subject this half term.

Kind regards,
Miss Sonenfeld, Mrs Groom and Ms Pemberton

Science	**Maths**	**English - writing**
Light: How light travels. How light sources help us to see. How light refracts and travels through different mediums (transparent, translucent, opaque). How light forms shadows.	Place Value: Numbers up to 10 million. Negative numbers. Addition and Subtraction: Whole numbers (5,6,7 digit numbers using the column method). Multiplication and Division (formal methods with numbers up to 5 digits).	**Diaries:** Diary entry in role as Stanley about his first impression of Camp Green Lake. **Instructions:** Write a set of instructions about how to celebrate the 'Day of the Dead festival' **Myths and Legends:** Learn about the Mayan legends. **Poetry:** Writing our own poetry looking at a range of styles and features.
PSHE	**RE**	**PE**
Healthy Lifestyles: Learn about how their own lifestyle contributes to their health and that habits can have both a positive and negative effect on this. Drug Education – Drugs, risk and the media: Learn about a range of legal and illegal drugs, their risks and effects. Conflict Resolution: Learn about how to deal with conflicts as they arise. Learn about how to spot different types of pressure and strategies to tackle it. World Mental Health Day 10th October (Whole school focus).	Creation and Covenant: Explain the Church's teaching on the purpose of the second Creation story. The Christian belief of the first sin or 'original sin'. Know that sin damages the relationship with God, the relationship with others and relationships with the created world.	Gymnastics: Matching and mirroring. Health and Fitness: Looking at healthy lifestyles.

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	Understand the Christian belief that in Jesus a new covenant is made.		
History	**Art & Design**		**Computing**
What can the achievements of the Ancient Maya tell us about how advanced their civilisation was?	To use a range of mediums, such as oil pastels, to create artwork linked with Mexican culture. Sculpture: Mayan art carving.		Online safety- digital footprint. Using DigiMaps to present a range of information on maps.
French	**Music**	**Design & Technology**	**Geography**
Revise definite articles in French- le, la, les and l'. To know nouns and their correct determiner for school subjects. To be able to give positive and negative opinions on these subjects and justify them orally and in writing. To the time on the hour. To be able to read and pronounce phonemes qu, soft c with a cedilla, an, en correctly. To know that s, t, and x are generally silent when they are the final letter in a word.	Music of South America. Learning about the history and features of Latin America music, performing a salsa style song and playing from staff notation; performing a mini carnival using a range of performance techniques including song, dance, tuned and untuned musical instruments.	Mexican cooking.	Autumn 1 How does Mexico's geography help us understand the people who live there? Autumn 1 and 2 Should some areas of the world be protected from humans?
Trips/Curriculum Days	**PE Days**	**Key Dates for Y6 this half term**	**Ideas for home**
Mexico cooking workshop – date TBC	**PE Autumn 1:** Wednesday and Thursday	Wednesday 30th September- Prayer Service	Can you build your own instrument and create your own piece of Mexican themed music?

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			Could you design your own Mayan God? What does your God represent?