



Summer 2: Hola Mexico

English

Children will be working to create a holiday brochure for a resort in Mexico. They will use persuasive and descriptive language to entice the reader. Children will then present their information in the form of a radio advert. In class, children will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

At home: Encourage your child to research a range of holiday brochures and understand how they appeal to different demographics.

RMSE

As part of our Discovery RMSE curriculum, Year 6 will be investigating the question 'Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead better lives?' For this investigation, we will be learning that the concept of Jihad can be interpreted differently leading to different actions and consequences.

At home: Discuss with children how all actions have consequences and how we must think carefully about the choices we make.

Art/DT

During Art and Design Technology lessons, children will improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials. Children will also be using their skills that they have learnt in Art/DT and they will make a Mexican death mask.

At home: Encourage your child to explore a range of beautiful patterns and bright colours; and experiment creating sculptures and art work using a range of materials.



PSHEC

Within PSHEC, children will be learning about stereotypes and body image. Children will discuss the changes and challenges they are going to face as they transition into secondary school as well as identifying their own feelings regarding leaving primary school.

At home: Discuss with your child the transition into secondary school. Allow children to share their fears and worries but encourage them to reflect on the positives of moving on to a new school.

Maths

'Preparation for Secondary School'

Children will continue to consolidate their learning by following the White Rose syllabus. They will apply their knowledge to solve reasoning questions. They will cover topics such as: Statistic, Ratio, Algebra and Geometry. Moreover, children will be given the opportunity to review previous learning involving the four operations and fractions.

At home: Continue to practice mental maths skills regularly including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in their head and recalling times tables and corresponding division facts. Continue to visit BBC Bitesize and Times Table Rock Stars to address any gaps in your child's learning.

Computing

Within Computing, children will learn about the possible online safety risks of online gaming, including exposure to inappropriate content, bullying, trolling and bribery. Children will then use what they have learnt to plan an assembly or presentation around safe gaming advice for parents, children or teachers.

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PE

In PE lessons, children will be learning skills for competing in tennis. They will be learning rules and techniques such as serving the ball, forehand and backhand shots.

At home: Encourage your child to practise the skills they have learnt in PE lessons



Homework

Our homework will be set on PurpleMash every Thursday. Children will also receive a new set of spellings in their planners which they should regularly practise for the weekly tests. They should also regularly practise times tables.

Children can change their home reader book as soon as they finish it. We encourage all of our parents to let us know how well your child is reading at home. Please write your comments regularly in the Planner.



Science

This half term, children will be covering the unit: "Light". Through this topic, children will study how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. The children will have the opportunity to make a functioning periscope, finding out about mirrors and the angles for reflection and incidence.

At home: Gather cereal boxes for creating a periscope in school.



Music

In Music lessons, children will learn traditional Mexican songs: "La Cucaracha" and "La Bamba". They will then recreate these songs using a range of percussion instruments. Music tuition will continue throughout the term for elected children.

At home: Listen to Mexican music and identify which instruments can be heard. Discuss the mood of the music and what emotions it makes you feel. Children who receive music tuition must also practice their instruments at home.

History/Geography

In History, children will study the Ancient Mayan civilisation; looking at a range of images which demonstrate this culture. In Geography, they will use maps, globes and atlases to locate specific locations in Mexico and describe their features. This will help children with their project that they are doing.

At home: Encourage your child to visit their local library to research the Ancient Mayan civilisation; as well as developing their knowledge of Mexican life.

Visits/Key Dates

Memorable Experience - Wednesday 16th June
Drayton Manor – Monday 12th July
Year 6 Graduation - TBC



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