



Mexico

Year Five Newsletter Spring Term 2



THIS HALF TERM:

Once back in school.

Upcoming Events

Onsite Events/ Workshops:

Making Mexican Food

Trips: TBC

PE

Once back in school, Year 5 PE will take place twice a week. Your child will need to wear clothes to school suitable for physical activity, including trainers or plimsolls. Without suitable PE kit your child will not be able to take part. If they forget to wear their kit 3 times they will be given a detention. This term, outdoor games is football and indoor PE will be dance/zumba.

Homework

Weekly maths homework will resume once school has returned. Weekly spelling homework continues to be posted in Google Classroom.

Reading

In year 5 the children are expected to select their own reading books to take home each week. They will be given time during the week to do this and will need to bring back finished books and sign out a new one. All children need to read both independently and with an adult. Please ensure that you sign the children's reading record card when they have read for at least 30 minutes each day. Children will collect stamps in school and will then receive awards for 15 and 30 independent home reads.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Mathletics and Reading Eggs are online programs that can be used at home to support the children's learning in school. Each child was given a log-in and password during the last academic year. If they have lost either or need some additional support using each program then please encourage them to inform us in school or on Google Classroom.

English

Narrative writing -inc effective dialogue, 1st and 3rd person recounts- Non -Chronological Reports

Maths

We will continue with Fractions and then move onto decimals and percentages

Science

Living Things and Their Habitats

Topic

Mexico

RE Days

How people of the Christian faith try to follow Jesus' example.

PSHE

E- Safety, Making decisions about and keeping money safe. Goals

Computing

Creating a Website on Wordpress

Language

Spanish

Music

Responding to Music from a range of traditions.

We look forward to an enjoyable half term

Some half term ideas you might like to try based on our Mexico topic:

- 1) Find out about some of Mexico's main cultural events- E.g. Mardi Gras and the Day of The Dead Celebrations in October. You could also watch Pixar's 'Coco' based on this.
- 3) Find out about the work of the Mexican artists Frieda Kahlo and Diego Riviera. You could try making a colourful self-portrait in the style of Frieda Kahlo!
- 4) Find out about Mexico's famous Mayan or Aztec sites such as Chichenitza, Tulum or Palenque. You could choose to make a model of a temple if you are feeling creative!
- 5) Find out about some of Mexico's amazing plant and animal life- it is perhaps the most diverse country on the planet in terms of it's 'flora and fauna'.