



Year 6: Autumn Term 1 2022

Curriculum Information – Hola Mexico!



1 - Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! We are really looking forward to working with you and your child/ren this academic year. This half term our topic will have a musical/geographical focus. The children will learn about the unique country of Mexico, with its towering temples and stunning landscapes, as well as pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals. There will be opportunities to concoct delicious Mexican meals and discover the mysterious world of the Ancient Maya civilisation. It should be a fun-packed half term!

- **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day**. Please read with your child or encourage your child to read independently if they prefer. We aim to change books weekly and now have a specific library time each week.
- **PE-** your child will need to bring a PE kit and get changed at school on the days that they have PE. The PE days are as follows:
 - 6ET – Wednesday and Friday
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- This year the children will have a locker for their personal belongings i.e. bags and coats. The lockers will be numbered and your child will be allocated a number so that they know which locker to use. They will still have a drawer in the classroom for their books/pencil cases etc.

For the duration of the Autumn Term, we have Miss Brockbank and Mr Blackwell joining us in Year 6. They will be teaching in both Year 6 classes as part of their teacher training qualification with Discovery Schools Academy Trust. They will be planning teaching and learning opportunities with us and will support the learning of groups as well as whole-class teaching throughout the school day.

English		
Narrative - Description The children will be based in a Mexican restaurant setting. The children will be looking at a range of visual stimuli to enable them to write their own description of the Mexican restaurant.	Information Text The children will be looking at the locality that they live in and comparing it to Mexico. They will then create an information text based upon that information.	Discussion The children will focus on the topic of deforestation and will participate in a class debate about this. They will write a balanced argument and will then decide, using their research, whether they are 'for' or 'against' deforestation and justify their opinion with evidence.
Maths		
Arithmetic		
Number and Place Value Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000 and determine the value of each digit. Round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy. Use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero. Solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above.	Addition and Subtraction Solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in context, deciding which operations and methods to use and why. Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers. Identify common, factor, common multiples and prime numbers.	Multiplication and Division Multiply multi-digit number up to 4 digit by a 2-digit number using the formal written method of long multiplication. Divide numbers up to 4 digit by a 2-digit whole number using the formal written method of long division, and interpret remainders as whole number remainders, fractions, or by rounding as appropriate for the context. Divide numbers up to 4 digit by a 2-digit number using the formal written method of short division, interpreting remainders according to the context.

Computing	Digital Presentations	The children will learn how to use the presentation program – Power Point. They will spend time using the internet and Power Point to create a presentation about Mexico.
Science	Animals including Humans	The children will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function; • identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
RE	What matters most to Christians and Muslims?	The focus enables pupils to learn in depth from Christianity and from Islamism, a non-religious way of life. If it is pupils' first encounter with Islamism, then teaching will need to secure their understanding of what is non-religious way of life means, both similar to and different from Christianity.
Music	Mexican Music	The children will listen to different examples of Mexican music and discuss some of the traditional Mexican songs using Spanish lyrics where possible.
PE	Mexican Games Dance	In their lessons the children will learn how to use throwing, kicking and catching skills. They will use their skills individually with a partner and in a team setting.
Art	Maya Art and Mexican Whisking	During their lessons the children will learn how to make 'Cajeta de Olla' using whisking techniques. They will also create Maya art drawings and paintings.
D&T	Food of Mexico	The children will learn about the traditional food of Mexico and then they will design and make a traditional meal.

Things that you could do at home:

- Which part of Mexico would you prefer to live in and why? Write down your ideas and share them with the class.
- Find out about the Maya hieroglyphs and symbols. Can you write your name or a short message to a friend?

- Design and build your own Maya temple using junk materials.
- In Mexico, the most common language is Spanish. Can you find out how to say some phrases in Spanish?

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

Maths

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

Number, Place Value, Four Operations, Fractions, Geometry, Handling Data

English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

Reading, Writing and Grammar

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcyycdm>

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Year 6 Team