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Welcome to Class 5!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and a very big welcome to year 6! I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. We are so excited to see you all and are ready to learn lots of new exciting things! I am looking forward to all of the exciting things throughout the final year of your primary school journey.

In class 5 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and preparing for transition to secondary school. This half term our topic is Hola Mexico. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework will be given out on a Monday and collected in on Friday. Spellings are handed out on Wednesday in preparation for a test on a Monday morning. Planners will be given out to your child this week. Please return these daily. Reading books and diaries will be handed out this week, please keep an eye out for them. We encourage children to read at least once a week with an adult, please sign their reading diary as they will get a point towards their Bookflix card!

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

I am really looking forward to working with you all again! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

Mrs Aspinall

Parent / Carer information

Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals.

During this half term, we'll watch a traditional Mexican performance and join in with percussion instruments. To cool down afterwards, we'll have a refreshing drink of sangrita or limeade. We'll use non-fiction books to find out about the importance of music in Mexican culture and have a go at folk dancing. Using our literacy skills, we'll write about festivals and create an invitation to a Mexican food tasting session. In preparation, we'll make delicious drinks and savoury dishes. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls. With the Chihuahuan Desert as our imagined location, we'll write postcards and clear instructions for a game. We'll read Maya myths and legends, and write our own. Using maps, we'll locate Mexico and explore its natural features. We'll discover what daily life is like and how it has changed over time. Then we'll craft Maya chocolate and simple woodwind instruments from recycled materials. Who can make the highest, loudest and longest sounds?

At the end of the project, we'll listen to Maya music and learn a traditional song. We'll also perform Mexican music from the past and present.

Help your child prepare for their project

Mexico is a fascinating land full of music and celebration. Why not work together and use non-fiction books or online research to find out about the impressive landmarks of Mexico? You could also look at holiday brochures or websites to plan an imaginary trip to Mexico. Alternatively, you could sample Mexican food in a restaurant or at home.

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| Memorable experience | Mexican musical performance |
| Innovate challenge | Festival procession |
| English | Invitations; Postcards; Instructions; Myths and legends; Poetry |
| Music | Mexican music; Musical notation |
| A&D | Sculpture; Maya art; Carving |
| Computing | Online research; Presentations |
| D&T | Food of Mexico; Evaluating and making instruments |
| Geography | Maps; Human and physical geography of Mexico |
| History | Ancient Maya civilisation |
| PE | Dance |
| Science | Light and shadows |
| Science investigations | How can we make red? What colour is a shadow? |