

Communication, Language and Literacy

In English we will be looking at Mexican myths and religious stories including the Mayan story of creation.

We will be writing persuasive and informative texts to encourage people to visit Mexico and describe what the country has to offer.

Children will be exploring the Mexico festival - Day of the Dead - and shall create descriptive poetry inspired by the holiday.

We will continue to speak, read and write in French.



Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable Summer holiday. For the Autumn term 2016, class 3 are looking at the country of Mexico. We shall be exploring the wonders and mysteries that this amazing country has to offer. This topic map outlines some of the things we will be learning but we will also learn about things that the children express an interest in.

Children will have their new Home: School logs to record what they have worked on for their homework each week which is to include work on spellings, times tables, reading and their topic homework. Times tables targets will be found in the back of the log. Children's times tables targets and spellings will be tested each Friday. Please sign the record when you share reading with your child at home, as children earn stickers for reading with adults at home and in school. Please also sign your child's log at the end of each week and use it to communicate with school. Home: School logs and reading books are required in school on a daily basis.

The children are allowed named drinks bottles in class containing water or squash only. Please do not send children with recycled bottles.

Children have been provided with a named pencil case containing essential equipment. It is your child's responsibility to look after this equipment and if lost will need to be replaced from home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and we look forward to an exciting and successful term with you all.

Mr Grosvenor and Mrs Lee

Physical Development

In PE we are joined by Pacesetters who shall be leading and supporting sessions of Football related activities. In addition to this, we shall be going swimming each week with Class 4 to build our physical skills in the water as well.

Creative Development

In music we are preparing for the Rotary Concert at The Castle Theatre in November.

In art we are looking at the different patterns we can make with our pencils and use them to create textured images.

In D&T we will be exploring and making our own dishes based on traditional Mexican food.

Number and Place Value

In maths we will be following blocks from the new curriculum to develop our understanding of number and place value, counting, multiplication and division, comparing and ordering numbers, addition and subtraction.

We will be using a range of practical resources and maths pictures related to our theme of Mexico and will have a new set of Maths Missions to investigate! We will also generate and explore maths problems related to the geographical statistics of Mexico.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In RE we are learning about how people express their spiritual ideas through the arts.

In PHSE we are looking at protective behaviours to make sure everyone is granted their rights as a person.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In geography we will be locating places in Mexico and Central America. We will be comparing the Mexican cities and villages and how they are different to those in England.

In computing we will be exploring meteorology and become more proficient in using Excel to record and display our information.

In science we will be investigating different states of matter and the changes that occur.