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Monday 24th April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break! This term our topic is 'Hola Mexico', we hope this will be fun and we have lots of exciting activities planned, starting with a Mexican party this week.

Homework

We will be continuing with our homework books this term, this will generally be the next four pages. This will be marked with the children, in school, on a Tuesday; if it is not brought in, children will miss their playtime to complete. There will also be tasks related to our topic and this is due in fortnightly. With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children secure their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Regular practice at home is extremely important and the children will be tested weekly using a times tables challenge activity to assess their progress.

Reading

Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. During Upper Key Stage 2 children go through a critical transformation as readers. During KS1 & Lower KS2 children are taught to decode, recognise key sight words, comprehend simple texts, and read with some degree of fluency. During Years 5 & 6, it is still important for children to read every day, they must consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

PE

We are hoping for some great summer weather for this term, so we have planned for P.E. to be outside. The Thursday session will be cricket with Coach Alex.

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on swimming and P.E. days.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.



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SATs Week

SATs week for Year 6 will be WC 8th May. Year 5 will continue their lessons as usual and in the mornings, Year 6 will have exams Mon-Thurs.

Mon 8th- English Reading

Tues 9th- English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (2 papers), Paper 1- short answer questions, Paper 2- spelling task

Weds 10th- Maths (2 papers) Paper 1 Arithmetic, Paper 2 Reasoning

Thurs 11th- Maths Paper 3 Reasoning

We will be providing toast from 8:45am for Year 6 if they wish to come early and get settled before their exams.

Aladdin

After SATs week, Year 5 and 6 will start to think about the end of year musical - Aladdin Kids. Auditions will be held for the main characters. Please be aware that Year 6 will have priority over the main roles, as Year 5 will have a chance to audition for them next year. Having said that, if there is nobody we feel is suitable for particular roles, Year 5 will then be given the opportunity to audition for them. Each child, regardless of year group will be given the opportunity to really get involved and play an important role within the performance.

Your child may wish to start thinking about which part/parts they may like to audition for. Qualities that we will be assessing in auditions are voice projection, spoken dictation, concentration, intonation/personality, singing and movement/dance. The main parts are:

- Aladdin (a good-hearted diamond-in-the-rough street rat)
- Jasmine (the Princess of Agrabah)
- Genie (a magical spirit of the lamp)
- Jafar (the evil vizier to the Sultan)
- Iago (Jafar's wise-cracking sidekick parrot)
- Sultan (the ruler of Agrabah)

We are also starting to collect scenery/costume/props for the performance. If you own any materials/rugs/scarves/ old jewellery that is bright and patterned in an Islamic/Moroccan style or similar, we will be very grateful if you could send them to school for the children to use.

Curriculum Overview.

RE- Jesus and Mohammed

Topic (Geography/History/ICT/D&T/ Art)- Hola Mexico

Science- Living Things and Their Habitats.



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Water Bottles.

Please send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that parents/carers play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Miss F Wallwork & Mr S Cook



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