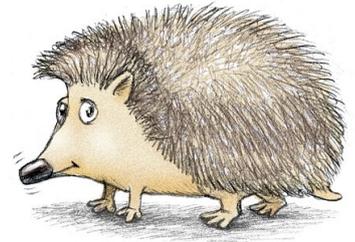


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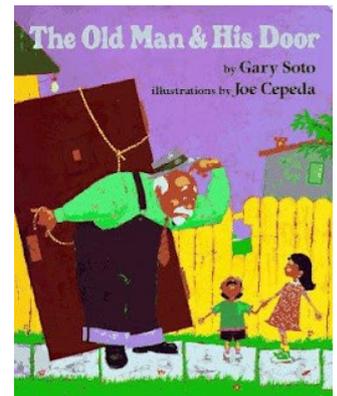


Welcome back after the half term break, I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable week. We have another busy half term to look forward to and to end the academic year with. Our topic this half term is 'Mexico'.

English

As writers we will be . . .

Children will begin by exploring the story 'The Old Man and His Door' which will introduce the children to Mexico. Children will explore Mexico, looking at the homes, food, physical features and culture. This will then help the children to write their own information text about Mexico. Children will also revisit information texts, looking at their structure and purpose to help them to write their information text. We will also explore poetry and children will aim to write their own acrostic poem about Mexico.



Maths

As mathematicians we will be . . .

- Solving balancing equations
- Exploring bar modelling
- Reading and using measures for length, weight and capacity
- Practising written methods for addition and subtraction

We will continue to apply our learnt skills to problem solving and reasoning activities on a weekly basis.

Children will also continue to take home their Maths target boxes and Maths record book - your support with these is very much appreciated.

Science

As Scientists we will be . . . exploring habitats, food chains and the seven life processes. We will also be naming and identifying a variety of plants and exploring the conditions plants need to grow and survive.

ICT

As computer scientists we will be . . . developing our research skills further using the iPads to find out about Mexico. Children will also further develop their word processing skills by typing and saving a piece of work. We will continue to explore internet safety and how to stay safe online.

Topic

As geographers we will be . . . exploring 'Mexico'. We will particularly look at a village called Tocuaro. Children will explore the physical and human features and use maps and atlases to locate Tocuaro in Mexico. We will also identify similarities and differences between places and explore the culture, food and weather of Mexico.

As artists we will . . . explore Mexican art and create Mexican masks.

PE

As sportsmen and sportswomen we will be . . . exploring both tennis and athletics. During tennis sessions children will learn how to correctly hold a tennis racket and how to accurately strike a tennis ball with their racket. In athletics sessions children will develop their running, jumping and throwing skills. Children will need their usual PE kit in school every day and could you please ensure it is clearly labelled. Earrings need to be removed.

Music

During music lessons, children will be exploring performance. They will listen to various pieces of music and improvise their own descriptive music.

PSHE

This half term we will be exploring the values of Hope and Happiness.

Homework

The children will take home their reading books, Maths target boxes and records every day and are encouraged to read and practise their Maths targets regularly at home. We would ask you to comment in their reading and Maths records when they have read to you or practised their Maths target. They will have weekly spellings to learn which will be checked on Fridays. Homework will be given out every Thursday and handed in the following Monday. It is the children's responsibility to take their homework and spellings out of their folder and to put them into the appropriate tray in the classroom each week to be marked. The children are able to change their individual reading book every morning as they come into school and Maths targets will be checked on a regularly basis.

RE

In RE lessons children will learn about the origins of some of the beliefs of the major world religions. They will learn about the holy books from Islam, Sikhism, Judaism followed by an in depth focus on Christianity. In doing so, children will learn about the reasons for reading and learning from sacred texts.

Dates for your diary...

6th July—PTA Summer Fayre (after school)

13th July—Sports afternoon + reports to parents

19th July—End of term service 1.30pm

20th July—School breaks up

If you have any queries please feel free to discuss them with me after school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Byrne

