

## Geography and History



Welcome to Mexico. The children will get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun festivals. They will concoct a traditional fruit cocktail or a delicious Mexican meal. The children will discover the mysterious world of the ancient Mayan civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry, play their ball game and follow all of their curious rituals.

## PE-Games



Over the first two terms this year the children will be looking at the skills they need to be able to take part in team and individual games. They will take part in netball, dance and gymnastics. Towards the end of term 2 they will create and perform a dance style of their choice.

## English

Over the term, the children will focus their writing based on the story 'Holes'. They will imagine that they have been sent to the Chihuahuan Desert in Mexico and develop their writing style in order to write a setting description, instructions, diary entry and much more. Through the different tasks set they will use a high level of descriptive language, including how they feel about being there and what hardships they would face and report them using a good descriptive vocabulary. The children will begin to develop their use of language and writing for a purpose.

# Term 1 Hola Mexico!



## Maths

To start the year the children will begin by looking at place value up to 10, 000, 000. They will compare, order and round different numbers. We will look at common factors, prime and square numbers and long division. At the end of the term they will revise and build on their knowledge of fractions and decimals, converting between the two. Throughout the term they will use new skills to solve a range of word problems.

## Science

Throughout term 1, the children will learn about light. This project teaches children about the way that light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. They explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections and refraction.



## Knowledge and understanding of the world

This term in RE, the children will be exploring what is known as a 'big question' which is: What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa and grace? (Hinduism and Christianity)

### Uniform

All clothing needs to be labelled clearly please, especially jumpers/cardigans. PE will take place every week, unless otherwise stated, so please ensure your child arrives in full PE kit on Monday. They can wear black shorts or jogging bottoms, a coloured t-shirt and plain black trainers. The colour of their t-shirt needs to be the same colour as the team your child is in- red, blue, green or yellow.

### Reading

Your child has a reading book and a reading record book to take home every night. This needs to come in to school every day.

We can see a positive difference in the children who read daily to you and we say a big thank you in advance for this.

Thank you also for recording their progress in the reading records, it is very helpful to us.

Great readers make great writers!

### Homework

Your child is given homework every Friday. Homework is to be returned by the following Thursday morning. If your child is having difficulty completing this, please speak to the class teacher who will arrange for your child to complete it in school. We have homework clubs that run every day at break time.

Homework is a whole school policy and all children are expected to complete it every week. Your help with this is much appreciated.

We are all excited about the start of a new year. We have lots of exciting events planned, so keep an eye out for updates. We are always available on the gate before school and outside the Year 6 area after school, so please don't be shy in talking to us, even if it is just a short hello!

Our aim, as ever, is the best possible development for your child, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

For further details about this terms topic please visit:

<https://www.greenparkcps.co.uk/>

**Year 6 team.**

Our aim is to keep learning fun and exciting for all of the children in Year 6 therefore sometimes we will adapt and change our plans to suit their needs.