

Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Autumn Term of 2020-2021. What a year it is going to be. We are very proud of the children for how well they have settled back into school and how quickly they have adapted to the new systems and structures in place. They should all feel very proud of themselves too.

This term, we start with the topic 'Hola Mexico' and then after half term, we have the topic 'Mysterious Mayans'. We will start by exploring the human and physical geography of Mexico as well as comparing life in Mexico to life in England. We then move on to studying the history of the Maya people.

As part of our learning, the children will be discovering important facts and information, which you will find on the Knowledge Organisers attached to this letter. The children will become extremely familiar with the Knowledge Organisers as we will be using them regularly in class. It would be wonderful if you could also continue this learning at home by asking questions about their topic, based on the facts found on the Knowledge Organisers. The children love to play games with them, such as "How many facts can you recall in a minute" or "Fastest Finger - Who can find a particular fact the quickest?"

Due to the restrictions in place, we will only have outdoor PE this term which will be on a Monday and Friday. Your child should come to school dressed in their PE Kit for the whole day. Please ensure that they are wearing kit in line with the school policy (plain white top, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers) and that they have jogging bottoms and a warm top when the weather is colder.

Key dates to remember are:

Friday 9th October – Staff Training Day. School closed to pupils. Monday 19th October – YR-Y6 Flu Immunisations in school. Monday 26th October – Half Term begins. Monday 2nd November – Back to school. Monday 9th November – School Photographer In Friday 18th December – Final day of Autumn Term. Monday 4th January – Back to school.

Finally, please do continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week (in line with the Home Learning Policy) and then sign their Home School Book.

Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and go on Times Tables Rock Stars. By the end of Y6, your child should know all of their tables and the related division facts, being able to recall each fact within 6 seconds. Practising daily really does make a huge difference!

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hudson, Mrs Chase, Mr Wallace, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hamlet Y6 Teaching Team



