



Class Newsletter

Woodpeckers - Summer Term 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a great Easter.

Our main topic this half term is called 'Rites and Rituals'. We will be researching and learning about the Maya, who lived in the jungles of Central America, and looking at their temples, their customs and their mysterious disappearance over a thousand years ago.

In our English lessons we will be holding a debate on the rights, wrongs and reasons for ritual human sacrifice, as well as writing a job advert for a Mayan priest. Later we will do some more poetry around the popular subject of chocolate!

In Art we will be studying and making Mayan masks with papier mache. In History and Geography lessons we will look at the Maya's impressive buildings, their skills in Maths and astronomy, and will then go on to consider the possible reasons for the end of their civilisation. Our P.E. this half term will again be Wednesday afternoons with Andy, and on Thursday. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor and indoor P.E. kit in school on these days. We will also be doing the Daily Mile when possible, but for this children will run/walk in normal footwear and clothing.

Please continue to encourage and support your child with reading for 20+ minutes every day at home, and to test their level of understanding of what they have read with appropriate and searching questions if possible. Homework times and spellings will remain the same as usual.

Our Thorpe Woodlands trip is now only days away, so we will be doing some build up lessons on personal development and team building to get us all in the right frame of mind. Our residential is going to be a real highlight of the year, and I am looking forward to seeing the children show different sides of their flourishing characters, overcome some fears and reservations and to have lots and lots of memorable fun!!

Bring on the sunshine!

Mr Sharp

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