

## Home Learning Tasks

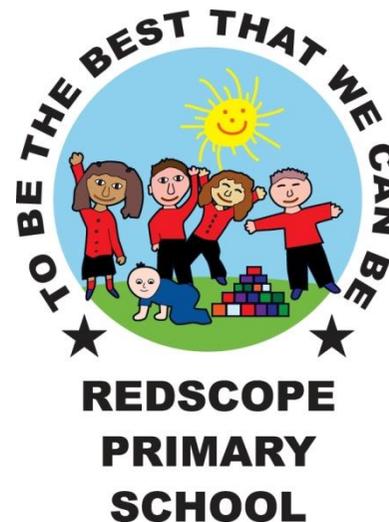
You can help your child with their weekly tasks:

Learn weekly spellings	You could check and rehearse spelling patterns with your child. Look for other words that fit the pattern.
Reading their reading book	Your child receives reading homework each week. Please make sure that they complete this. Initial the planner so that your child can receive reading rewards.
Learn multiplication tables	You may want to check and spot check your child with questions about the x table they are working on. All Y6 pupils now have logins for 'my maths'.

### Project Tasks

This topic will last for 5 weeks, in this time the children are expected to choose at least **one activity** from the list complete with the help of parents. The projects can be brought in at any time before the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

- ☺ Find out 10 facts about the Maya and present in a power point or poster.
- ☺ Make your own sculpture of an ancient god or warrior
- ☺ Write a secret message in Mayan Hieroglyphics.
- ☺ Create your own Mayan mask.
- ☺ Cook and photograph some Mexican food (or traditional Mayan food) or write a Mexican inspired menu.
- ☺ Make your own temple or Mayan civilisation in a shoe box.
- ☺ Find out about aspects of Mayan life e.g. farming, food, astronomy.
- ☺ Create your own chocolate related product.
- ☺ Create an outfit from chocolate wrappers.
- ☺ Create a postcard from a historical Mayan site.
- ☺ OR something else that you think of to do with our topic.



## Curriculum Information Sheet

### Year 6

### 2015-16

### Spring Term 1

*Many thanks to all parents for helping with the project homework about our 'Lights, Camera, Action' topic. A wide range of homework was brought in. The children love talking to the class about what they have created and why. Many thanks to all those who could attend the topic finale at the end of term.*



## **Main Topic Area: The Maya**

**Over the next half term our topic will be a unit about the ancient Mayan civilisation. Our geography, history, art, drama and literacy work will relate to this theme.**

### **English**

In literacy we will be reading and writing a wide range of non fiction based on the Maya. We will be learning how to write non-chronological reports, explanation texts and developing our argument and discussion skills. In our afternoon writing we will be thinking about describing temples, creating chocolate inspired instructions and writing recounts. In this SATs preparation period we will have intervention SPAG sessions in order to learn more about grammar.

### **Maths**

In maths we will be looking at a variety of areas: We will be understanding short division and building on prior learning of fractions and percentages. We will continue to work on quick fire mental maths skills and will have weekly arithmetic sessions. We will begin to have an extra lesson of brain training each week in an afternoon. This is designed to improve our problem solving skills.

## **The Maya (History/ Geography)**

We will be studying the location and timeline of the Maya as well as analysing artefacts. We will be investigating the daily life of the Maya and looking in detail at Mexican foods. We will be using chocolate as a source of investigation. We will study the Mayan number system and crack hieroglyphic codes.



**Science:** In science we will be learning about evolution.

**PE:** In PE we will be focussing on indoor athletics and teamwork skills.

**Music:** In music we will be working with Mrs Bennett who will be working with us on our understanding of notes. We will also continue to learn the songs for our Young Voices concert.

**PSHE and RE:** In RE we will be learning about Mayan religion. In PSHE we will be developing the theme of what a 'sacrifice' means.

**Art/DT:** In art we will be looking at the styles of Mayan artefacts. We will be learning how to use oil pastels, graphic pencils and clay. In DT we will be designing and making T-shirts to wear at the Young Voices concert.

**Educational Visits:** We plan to take the children to Las Iguanas restaurant to try Mexican food. The children will also take part in a food workshop. We will also have a Mayan visitor into school and of course will be visiting the arena for the Young Voices concert.

