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*Grow Together Shine Forever*

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5/6 children,

Bienvenido a Mexico! Our topic for the second half of the Summer Term is called **Hola Mexico!** We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals. We'll use non-fiction texts to find out about Mexican culture. We'll read Maya myths and legends, and write our own. Using maps, we'll locate Mexico and explore its natural features. We'll discover what daily life is like and how it compares to ours.

On Hook Day (Monday 3rd June), we would like the children to dress up in Mexican-style clothing. They could wear a poncho, sombrero and bright coloured clothing (and even a Mexican moustache!). They could bring in maracas but no toy guns please. During the day, we'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls before dancing to traditional Mexican music, have a go at Mayan Maths and come up with a list of 20 fun facts about Mexico whilst enjoying Mexican snacks and drinks - tortilla chips, salsa dip and lime cordial. If you would prefer for your child NOT to have these snacks, please let us know.

Here is a list of books the children might be interested in reading:

You will receive a Maths, English and topic lessons overview separately.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Beech, Mrs Gray and Mr Brooks  
Year 5 and 6 teachers

Title	Author
Holes	Louis Sachar
Off We Go to Mexico: An Adventure in the Sun	Laurie Krebs
Avoid being a Mayan Soothsayer! (Danger Zone)	Rupert Matthews
Ancient Maya (The Ancient World)	Barbara A. Somervill
The History Detective Investigates: Mayan Civilization	Clare Hibbert
The Maya (Great Civilisations)	Tracey Kelly
Mexico (Been There!)	Annabel Savery
Daily Life in the Maya Civilization	Nick Hunter
Cultural Traditions in Mexico	Lynn Peppas
Mayan Civilisation (Explore!)	Izzi Howell
Mexico (Unpacked)	Susie Brooks
The Hero Twins: Against the Lords of Death	Dan Jolley

