



Foxholes Term 2

I hope that everyone had a good holiday. This term our topic is 'Mexico'. We will be comparing the Mexican village of Tocuaro with West Haddon. In literacy we will compare the traditional fairy tale, Cinderella with the Mexican tale Adelita. Together with non-fiction texts and poetry. Our spelling program will continue to focus on spelling rules such as changing singular words into plurals. I will be testing the 100 spelling bee words at towards the end of term. Obviously I test that the children can write the words and use them in their own writing. Their handwriting is improving considerably. In maths we will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction together with understanding of quarter, half three quarters and whole turns. In art we will be making small Mexican masks and continuing with our work on portraits. RE will look at the Hindu festival of Divali, the Jewish festival of Sukkot and of course the Christian festival of Christmas. In ICT we will be using a paint package and illustrating a story. Mrs Dawson will continue with our 'Real PE' scheme on Tuesdays and I will focus on dance on Fridays. Mrs Welch will continue to cover my planning session on Monday afternoons and will deliver the geography and music units. Science will focus on humans and other animals, so it may be helpful to watch some clips from the David Attenborough BBC series' at home. Our PSHE lessons will focus on celebrating difference and help to give children strategies for dealing with difficult situations such as bullying. Homework will continue as last term. Reading books changed on Mondays, maths and SPAG work books given out on Friday and returned on Wednesdays, changing their own library books on Thursdays and spellings given out and last week's tested on a Friday. It really helps your child's learning in school if they regularly work at home, the change in the National Curriculum has really raised the expectations for all children. Towards the end of term, the school will have an assessment week where I will deliver appropriate checks on the children's learning so far. Obviously towards the end of term, we will be involved in lots of Christmas activities. Your children have all settled in very well and have risen to the challenge of Year 1. I am very proud not only of their work ethic but their behaviour and attitudes. It will, as always, be a busy term but an exciting one. As always thank you for your support and please feel free to ask if you or your child has any concerns.

Kind regards
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