

# Geography & History

In term 3, we will continue to learn about Mexico with a particular focus on earthquakes for Geography. The children will identify the location and distribution of earthquakes, explain the cause of earthquakes and why Mexico is prone to them and they will empathise with the lives of Mexicans and the impact that earthquakes can have on them.



In History, the children will be learning more about the Maya and answering questions like:

- When so much of the land they lived in was mountain and jungle, how did the Maya manage to become so important?
- Why do historians know so much about ancient Maya society?
- Why did the Ancient Maya leave their jungle cities?



# Useful Information

## Reading at Home

Home school link books need to be in school every day as we check through them to monitor the quantity and quality of reading taking place at home. It is important that you record quality comments in your home school link book so use the ideas in there to aid you if you're stuck or find yourself becoming repetitive.

## Home Learning

Children will be expected to complete spelling, reading and mathematics home learning each week.

Spelling homework will be handed out every Friday and is due in by the following Wednesday. Maths homework is Times Tables Rockstars. You will soon also receive Reading, Grammar and Maths SATs Busters books to complete at home.

## Funky Friday

Silver Birch Class will host Funky Friday this term. Photos of the winners will be uploaded to the school story on Class Dojo on Fridays.

## Key Dates

Tuesday 4th — INSET

Wednesday 5th — INSET

Thursday 6th—Start of Term 3

Friday 11th—End of term

# Year 6 - Term 3

## 2021/2022



# Exploring Mexico and the Maya



## Science

This term, year 6 are learning about light. The children will be learning about how light travels, how we see objects and how shadows are the same shape as the object they represent.



There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to work scientifically to solve problems, answer questions and create investigations.

## PE

**Silver Birch**—Tuesday & Friday

**Chestnut**—Tuesday & Friday

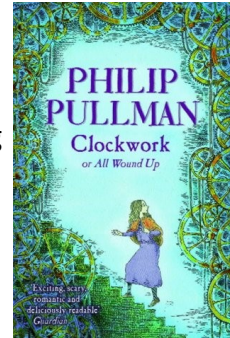
**Spindle**—Tuesday & Friday

Please make sure your child wears their PE kit on these days and that it is washed regularly. This term, the children will be focusing on the cognitive cog.



## English

The children will be exploring the text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. This is an exciting fairy tale which is full of suspense. It is also a bit scary in places. We will explore the rich language used in this text and use it to inspire our own writing.



## Mathematics

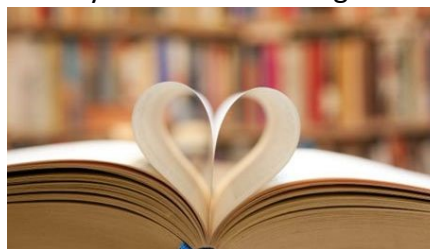
Time is ticking and we are getting closer to the SATS and all children **need to** be fluent in written methods for the 4 operations. Please keep practising arithmetic at home.

We will still be setting challenges on Times Table Rockstars so keep playing!



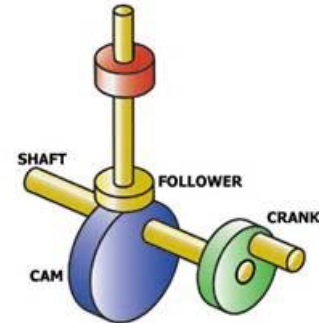
## Reading

Reading is an essential skill children need. Please make sure your child is reading aloud to an adult at least twice a week.

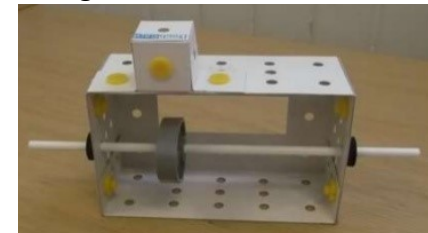


## DT

We have got an exciting DT unit in the new year about mechanisms. The children will be researching and exploring cams and discovering how they work in order to produce different



movements. This will then enable them to design and make an automaton, using their



imagination to decorate it. They will then evaluate their product.

## RE

This term, we will be learning about Islamic art. The children will learn about the importance of it to Muslims and they will have a go at creating their own inspired piece.

