Year 6 Newsletter
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Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely relaxing Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us.

Kind regards: Mr Engleman, Mr Rushton and Miss Wilkinson



Your child will receive a piece of homework every week. This will be in their new homework folder. Alongside this, it is important that your child practises their weekly spellings, times tables and reads at least 3 times a week at home but we encourage them to **STRIVE FOR FIVE.**



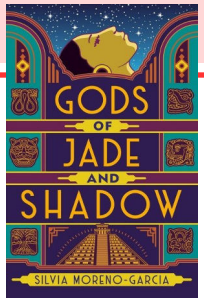
Our P.E lessons will take place every Tuesday and Friday. Your child should come to school in their full PE kit on these days. Please remember to remove your child's earrings on PE days.

Trip

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to take the children on any trips during this half-term.

If you ever have any queries, please speak to your class teacher or Mr Engleman (Year 6 Year Group Lead)

A dark dazzling fairy tale of gods and monsters.



Our class text this half term is Gods of Jade and Shadow.

In English, we will be looking at many different genres. We will begin with a short narrative piece of writing based upon Gods of Jade and Shadow. We will then be writing a balanced argument with the key question: Were the Maya as clever as us? Following on from this we will be writing a report on the Ancient Maya with a focus on their cities and gods. There will also be some instructional writing and a final narrative piece again based on Gods of Jade and Shadow.

In Maths, we will be moving more towards reasoning and problem solving with the mathematical concepts that the children have developed over the course of the Autumn term. We will be finding the mean (using bar models) looking at co-ordinates using 4 quadrants and then developing this by translating and reflecting shapes. Finally we will be looking at units of measure and converting units of measure.

Why should we remember the Maya?

Our unit this half-term has a History focus as we look into the Ancient Maya. We will be studying what we can learn from the modern Maya people studying their ancient cities and their many gods and evaluating them as a people compared to our own lives. As last half term we will be using primary and secondary sources for this with a focus on chronology.

Our science unit this half-term is based upon light and shadow. During this unit we will be looking into shadows reflection of light and the bending of light through planning carrying out and recording investigations and understanding how to carry out fair tests.

In Design and Technology we will be following the process of design make evaluate whilst creating pyramids based on those built by the Ancient Maya.

Reading is an essential part of the learning journey at The Crescent Academy. Your child will be read with at least five times a week in school, either individually or as part of a group. It is therefore essential that your child has their reading book and diary in school every day. The children use the learning diary, alongside the Hero Academy, to practise the key skills of reading and to record this. Children love to read at home, and will enjoy sharing their learning with you. At the start of each week, or fortnight, we will explain the reading skill to your child.



Thank you for your continued support.