



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer

MAYA VISIT

In Y6, we are starting our new history topic this half term, learning about the Maya civilisations in Central America. The children will learn about their ancient temples and architecture, sophisticated writing system, mathematics, calendar and how they became such a successful society in this part of the world.

We are excited to be hosting a visit from Widget Workshops, who will be leading a number of hands-on activities to help bring this era of history to life for the children. The workshops will take place on **Tuesday 10th (Maple and Oak) and Wednesday 11th March (Holly and Cherry)**. Each Y6 class will spend half a day in the workshops, which will include:

- An introduction to Maya weaving using the backstrap loom,
- An opportunity to handle replica Maya artefacts such as the Dresden Codex, cocoa beans and whisks, pottery and masks,
- Using VR to explore the sites of the Maya world including Chichen Itza, Tikal and the Peten region, swimming in a cenote, Palenque and much more.

The cost for this visit is **£11.50**. Please use Parentpay.com (the secure online service) to make your contribution towards the workshop.

To cover the costs for this visit, we are asking for a contribution per child. As with all activities of this kind, we can only ask for a voluntary contribution, but should insufficient funds be received, the event may have to be cancelled. All payments should be made through ParentPay.

With best wishes,

The Year 6 Team

