

1st November 2023

Dear Parent/ Carers,

I am delighted to tell you that as part of our new topic on the ancient Maya, Past Productions will be running workshops for all Year 5 and 6 students on **Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November 2023**. The workshops will provide the children with a real insight into the ancient Maya and will bring their learning to life!

Your children will be visited by S'ak K'uk (AKA the Red Queen). She is one of the only known female rulers of the Maya people. She will come and instruct the children in both the Maya language and in English. They will learn about the history of chocolate, the importance of their sacred ball game and take part in some human sacrifices (which are fully risk assessed!)

In other sessions during the day, the children will have the opportunity to handle artefacts bought from Maya traders in Mexico. They have been carefully curated to give a real insight into what life was like for the Maya people. The day will be rounded off with the creation story – starring two members of staff as the creator Gods. With the students help, they will find out just why maize was so important to those Maya people.

The timetable for the day is outlined below:

Tuesday 14th November – Year 5

P1 – 5C

P2 – 5A

P3 – 5D

P4 – 5B

Thursday 16th November – Year 6

P1 – 6A

P2 – 6B

P3 – 6C

P4 – 6D

We are asking for **£2.00** per student to go towards the cost of the workshop, which is available on SchoolGateway to be **paid by Thursday 16th November 2023**

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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