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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next half term, our topic in Year 6 is **'MAYAN MYSTERIES'** where we will be learning all about the ancient Mayan civilisation. To kick start our topic, we are having a WOW DAY on Monday 15th April (the first day back after the Easter holidays)

We have booked the fantastic **Explorer Academy** to come into school on this day and deliver a MAYA EXPLORER workshop to our Year 6 pupils. We have used them twice before in the past and the children have always thoroughly enjoyed the day and have learned lots about the new topic.

Below is a description about the Maya Workshop from the Explorer Academy website:

The Maya Explorer workshop provides awe-inspiring content for KS2 year groups studying the Maya Civilisation, Mexico or the rainforests of Central America.

During the workshop, pupils spend time investigating the reality of living in the Central American rainforest, exploring subjects such as the tropical climate; the vast array of wildlife and plant life; and the potential hazards that await would-be explorers.

They then move on to look at the Maya Civilisation in detail, dissecting the Mayas' rainforest-based way of life and exploring their highly advanced culture, their rise and their fall, their architectural achievements, their often strange-looking appearance and their infamously bloodthirsty rituals and sacrificial practices.

We are kindly asking parents to contribute £7 (£5 if you are in receipt of free school meals) towards this worthwhile opportunity. Payments can be made via Arbor by Wednesday 27th March (**Arbor - Activities - Trips - Y6 Maya Workshop - sign up - make payment**) The Year 6 team are very excited about this workshop for the children and really feel it will bring the topic to life and enrich the children's understanding.

With thanks,

Miss McCulloch and Miss Jones
(The Year 6 team)

