

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 5 Dia De Los Muertos Celebration – Monday 4th November 2024**

We are writing to notify you about an exciting day that we, Year 5, have planned during our Autumn 2 learning journey.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, we will be spending the whole day immersing ourselves in the South American tradition, Día De Los Muertos.

This incredible day will become the hook for our new topic as it will feature heavily in our Year 5 curriculum this half term. During Autumn 2, we will be using our Literacy skills to write a poem about this unique day, exploring the origin of the tradition in our Humanities topic – The Ancient Mayans - who were some of the first to Celebrate Dia De Los Muertos, over 3000 years ago and finding more about a Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

We thrive on planning subjects this way, as it often allows the children to gain a greater understanding of the subject matter in a range of different ways, which also suit a range of different learning styles.

During our Dia De Los Muertos celebration, we would love for the children to embrace the tradition as much as possible and we would like provide pupils with the opportunity to have their faces painted (in school), as well as using the day to study and gain as much information about the subject as possible! Faces can be cleaned before leaving the premises.

We hope you will support our celebrations, however, if you have any further questions regarding the day, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Colarusso, Miss Cawthorne, Miss Sweatman and Miss Evans.