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Dear Families,

Themed Weeks at EDA

I am writing to introduce our new Themed Weeks initiative at EDA, designed to bring learning to life through fun activities, competitions and opportunities for students to explore different subjects beyond the classroom.
Each themed week will focus on a different subject, giving students the chance to try something new, learn about different cultures and get involved in activities across the school.

Our first themed week takes place this week, led by our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department. As many of you will know, we introduced Spanish to the curriculum this academic year, with lessons currently offered to students in Years 7 and 8. To celebrate this exciting addition, our first MFL themed week will focus on Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a vibrant celebration rooted in Mexican culture and celebrated in countries around the world. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about Mexican traditions, develop their cultural awareness and celebrate the introduction of Spanish at EDA.



Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to take part in:

- **Monday–Friday:** A skull design competition and themed tutor quiz.
- **Thursday:** Spanish themed food and decorations in the school canteen.
- **Friday:** Students are invited to come to school wearing 'Día de los Muertos' inspired face paint.

For students taking part in Friday's face paint activity, please remember that normal school uniform expectations still apply. Face paint should be appropriate for school, and all other uniform rules must be followed.

For families who would like to explore the theme further at home, you may be familiar with the 2017 Disney Pixar film Coco, which draws inspiration from Día de los Muertos. Watching the film together could be a fun way for families to engage with the theme and learn more about the traditions behind the celebration.

We hope this first themed week will encourage students to get involved, try something different and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. We look forward to introducing more themed weeks throughout the year and sharing these opportunities with you.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher

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