



Parent Help Needed – Day of the Dead Puppet Project

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, the children will soon be taking part in an exciting art project: making rod puppets inspired by the Mexican ‘Day of the Dead’.

To get the project started, we would really appreciate your support with constructing the initial stage of the puppet at home. This part involves using sharp tools (such as scissors or a craft knife), so we feel it is safer for this to be completed with close adult supervision before the materials are brought into school.

What you’ll need:

- A large plastic bottle (e.g. a 2L drinks bottle)
- Some strong tape (e.g. duct tape)
- A straight stick (e.g. a thick bamboo cane or straight branch – around 50cm long)



Here are the basic instructions:

1. Cut the top and bottom off the plastic bottle and discard the middle section. (Use a craft knife, sharp kitchen knife, or scissors after piercing a hole.)
2. Tape the two ends of the bottle together using strong tape.
3. Remove the bottle cap and insert the stick into the opening. It should fit snugly – wrap some tape around the stick if needed.
4. Secure the stick in place with more tape.
5. Send the finished puppet frame into school by **Thursday 19th March**.



Once the frames are in school, the children will be using papier-mâché and a variety of modelling materials to add features to their puppets before painting and decorating them in vibrant ‘Day of the Dead’ style.

We understand that not all families may be able to take part, so if you’re able to donate any spare materials (plastic bottles, strong tape, or suitable sticks), we’d be very grateful! Please send any spare materials into school ASAP.

Thank you so much for your support – we can’t wait to see the puppets come to life!

Best wishes,

Year 6 teachers

