



5th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to watch the 'The Book Of Life' DVD on Friday this week as a reward for all the children's hard work for their upcoming production. This film is based on the Mexican Day of the Dead and links with our Arts Week work. This film has a PG certificate.

This is a refreshingly original animated film that takes viewers to the underworld and back. Smaller children might find the scenes in the Land of the Remembered scary, especially those featuring the king of the underworld, Xibalba (who is named after the Mayan name for the realm of the dead). The characters in the Land of the Remembered are traditional Day of the Dead figures, which are skeletons in brightly coloured clothing. One dead character's head is separate from his body. There are some bullfighting scenes and battle sequences that are a little violent, and things get somewhat darker when the action shifts to the underworld (there's a demonic bull surrounded by fire). Expect a little bit of kissing and a few insults ('kick his butt', 'lazy bum') too. But the fun definitely outweighs the scary parts, and ultimately this is a vibrant, colourful movie about doing the right thing and the importance of family. – messages that can be appreciated by both children and parents. It's also an invitation to explore and learn more about Mexican culture, from the details of the Day of the Dead celebrations to legendary creatures like Chupacabras.

If you have any objections to your child watching this film, could you please let us know by completing the reply slip below by Thursday 8th December. If we do not hear from you we will assume you are happy for your child to participate.

Many thanks

The Year 4 Team

The Book of Life DVD

Name of Child:

I **do not** wish my child to watch The Book of Life in school.

Signed Parent/Carer

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