

Hola Mexico! Y6

Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals. We will start the topic by learning about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D painted skulls which are used to celebrate the life of those who have passed. We will be using 'Holes' as our whole class reader where we will explore a range of new terminology and focus on our comprehension skills. We'll read traditional Mayan myths and legends, and use these to inspire our own writing. Using maps, we'll locate Mexico and explore its natural features. We'll discover what daily life is like and how it has changed over time. At the end of the project, we'll listen to Mayan music and learn a traditional song. We will explore Mexican food in DT and look forward to sharing our learning with you at the end of this half term.



Topic focus	Geography
English	Non-Chronological reports, narrative, instructions, myths and legends, poetry
Music	Mexican music, listening, appraising, performing
Art & Design	Sculpture, Mayan art
Computing	Online research, digital presentations
D&T	Food of Mexico
Geography	Using maps, human and physical geography of Mexico
History	Ancient Maya civilisation
PE	Mexican dance, games
Science	Light and Shadows



This topic will start by us creating and painting 3D clay skulls and sewing skulls to get the feel of the 'Day of the Dead'.

FABULOUS FINISH



At the end of our topic we will be inviting you in to taste some savoury Mexican food that we have made. We would like to invite you in on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019 from 2:45.**

OTHER



PE is on **Monday** and **Friday**. Swimming this term will be on a **Wednesday**. Green Goblins will be **7th – 10th October**. Please let us know if you are able to help out at Swimming or Green Goblins.

N.B. Grammar and spelling lessons will be ongoing throughout the year, as will reading and maths.

Mexico is a fascinating land full of music and celebration. Why not work together and use non-fiction books or online research to find out about the impressive landmarks of Mexico? You could also look at holiday brochures or websites to plan an imaginary trip to Mexico. Alternatively, you could sample Mexican food in a restaurant or at home.