

# Hola Mexico

Year 6  
Summer Term 1 2019

This exciting topic explores life in the unique country of Mexico, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals. We will begin our learning by watching a traditional, Mexican musical performance and tasting some delicious, Mexican food. Following this exciting start, we will discover the mysterious world of the ancient Maya civilisation as we make chocolate, learn poetry and play games. To conclude our topic, we make and design our own woodwind instruments and host our own festival.



As **Readers** we will be using non-fiction books to find out about the importance of music in Mexican culture. We will also be reading Maya myths and legends.

As **Writers** we will be writing our own myths and legends based on Maya legends and reading them to children in Key Stage One.

As **Geographers** we will be locating Mexico and exploring its vast range of natural features, including its mountain ranges, deserts and coastlines.

As **Technologists** we will be combining ingredients to cook our own savoury dishes and make delicious drinks, including limeade. We will also be crafting simple woodwind instruments.

As **Historians** we will be exploring the ancient Maya civilisation, using a range of source and creating a digital presentation about the Maya using text and pictures.

As **Artists** we will be looking at images from the traditional Mexican festival Day of the Dead and use a range of materials to create a 3-D Day of the Dead skull.

As **Scientists** we will be observing a range of shadows, including those created by Maya pyramid shaped temples, and identify the objects that create them. We will use torches to investigate patterns in the size and shapes of an object's shadow.

## Confident individuals

## Responsible Citizens

## Successful learners

### Basic Skills - Communication (reading, writing, speaking and listening)

We will become effective communicators by using a range of techniques, forms and media to convey information and ideas creatively and appropriately. We will take part in debates, discussions and presentations - learning to respect the views of our peers.

### Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities

We will seek every opportunity to develop our ability and willingness to:

- Be independent
- Be imaginative
- Be collaborative
- Be focused
- Be motivated
- Persevere
- Be reflective
- Be curious

### SMSC

Embedded throughout our topic are opportunities to explore and develop concepts and values on moral dilemmas. We will have a sense of empathy and appreciation with others; having time to reflect on how other's experiences differ to our own. We will make responsible and reasoned judgments and share our views and opinions confidently and respectfully.