

Hola Mexico

Year 6
Summer Term 2020

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 all of the reading skills we have learnt during Y6 as we read our class text, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

As **Writers** we will be focussing on formal writing styles when we write letters of complaints from a nightmare Mexican holiday. We will then write our own version of the traditional Mexican tale, 'The Bear Prince'.

As **Geographers** we will be locating Mexico and exploring its vast range of natural features, including its mountain ranges, deserts and coastlines. We will then compare Mexico to the United Kingdom by analysing geographical features on a range of maps.

As **Technologists** we will be combining ingredients to cook our own savoury dishes. We will also be focussing on our 3D work across a number of pieces, including houses, day of the dead skulls and abstract sculptures, inspired by famous Mexican artists.

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 **Musicians** we will use graphic scores to compose when we compose our own pieces.

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.