



Class 5

Summer 1 2021

Hola Mexico!



Topic Overview

Bienvenido a Mexico! Get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and its fun-packed festivals. Is your tummy rumbling? Concoct a traditional fruit cocktail or a delicious Mexican meal. What's on your shopping list? Go steady with the spices. Discover the mysterious world of the ancient Mayan civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry and follow all of their curious rituals. Feel like celebrating? Design a flute, grab a drum, join a tribe and make some noise. During this half term, we'll watch a traditional Mexican performance and join in with percussion instruments. We'll use non-fiction books to find out about the importance of music in Mexican culture. We'll base our writing around our new whole class book 'Holes'. We'll try our hand at making traditional Mexican drinks and savoury dishes. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls. 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. Then we'll craft Maya chocolate and simple woodwind instruments from recycled materials. Who can make the highest, loudest and longest sounds? At the end of the project, we'll listen to Maya music and learn a traditional song. We'll also perform Mexican music from the past and present. Have you got what it takes to be chief? Let's find out.

English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persuasive writing; letter writing; narratives; leaflets; obituary
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fractions; Decimals and Percentages; Geometry: Position and Direction; Geometry: Properties of Shape
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forces
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?
Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography: Using maps, atlases and globes; human and physical geography of Mexico; sketch maps; Chihuahuan Desert to learn about the animal and plant species found there, climate, people who live there and difficulties they face; research the daily life of Mexico History: Exploring the Mayan civilisation, identifying similarities and differences to current culture
Art and DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sculpture; Maya art; Food of Mexico; Making instruments
MFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google maps and other satellite software; Websites and search engines to compare geographical features of UK and Mexico.

PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared responsibilities; Media literacy and digital resilience
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WCET – Violins
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rugby (York Knights); Rounders; Cricket
Worship Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truthfulness
Home Learning	<p>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.</p>