

This term's project in Year 6

Topic Name

Día de los Muertos

Driving Question

What do you think of Mexican life?

Home to around 126 Million people, Mexico is one of the most fascinating countries in the world. With its palm-fringed beaches, chilli-spiced cuisine and steamy jungles, what do we think life would be like in Mexico?

Learning Launch

We'll be building up our knowledge throughout the project ready for our Mexico-themed leavers party at the end of Year 6. To kick things off though, we'll have plenty of Mexican music blasting out as we create and taste test our own salsa!

How Can You Help?

- Spend some time looking at images or videos of Mexico and learning about the country.
- Learn some basic Spanish words and phrases.
- Try out some Mexican recipes and foods.
- Listen to some Mexican mariachi music and find out about the instruments used.

Experiences, Visits & Visitors

- Experience making delicious salsa!
- Experience making traditional Mayan chocolate!
- Experience making Day of the Dead masks!
- Experience our own Mexican party!

English

We will be writing our own Mexico themed poems after learning various poetic techniques and features. We'll be getting into character as Stanley from Holes as we write informal letters home, and we'll be writing some narratives (one from a clever dual-perspective) and even a playscript. Alongside this, we'll make sure we are ready to begin secondary school life with a good set of writing skills.

Mathematics

We will be learning how to use, read and create line graphs to show continuous data. Then, we'll be learning about the parts of a circle, learning about averages and how to find the 'mean', and then we'll look at creating and reading pie charts. Following this, we'll learn about internal angles in a range of different 2D shapes before finally recapping as much knowledge as possible ready for the future.

Things To Remember

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday, and will consist of spellings, multiplication tables, reading, Grammar activities, Maths activities and, sometimes, projects based around Mexico or The Ancient Mayans. Unless stated otherwise in your child's homework diary, homework will be due in the following Friday.

Please remember to sign your child's homework diary each week to show that you are aware of their home learning.

PE

PE sessions for this term will be on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit comes into school on a Monday and goes home to be washed on a Friday (sometimes the PE timetable may change). As the weather becomes warmer, we may do more outdoor activity some weeks.

Knowledge Summary

You will find a Knowledge Organiser on the reverse of this sheet. This will show all of the basic key knowledge that children need throughout the topic and we would really appreciate you sharing this information with your child. You might even want to find out more facts to share in class!

