

Year 6 Spring Term 2 - Parent Information

Hola Mexico

Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals.

During this half term, we'll watch a traditional Mexican performance and join in with percussion instruments. To cool down afterwards, we'll have a refreshing drink of aguas frescas.. We'll use non-fiction books to find out about the importance of music in Mexican culture and have a go at folk dancing. Using our literacy skills, we'll write about festivals and write an autobiography about Frida Kahlo – a famous Mexican painter. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls and masks. We'll read Maya myths and legends, and write our own. We will find out about the deadly game of pok-a-tok and write our own instructions about how to play. 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.

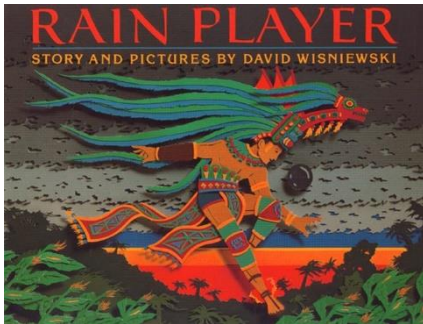
At the end of the project, we'll listen to Maya music and learn a traditional song. We'll also perform Mexican music from the past and present.



Helping your child prepare

for their project

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.

Our Class Novel -

Rain Player is a story set during the ancient Mayan period. The gods have predicted a year of drought and famine for the Mayan people and the villagers have resigned themselves to a year of starvation. Pik, a young ball-player, decides to take things into his own hands and challenges the fierce rain god to a game of pok-a-tok. If he wins, the rains will come. If he loses, all will be lost!

Curriculum Themes for this half-term	
Memorable experience	A Mexican festival with authentic food, drink and entertainment.
English	Writing a Mayan myth, instructions to a game and an autobiography.
Maths	Measurement, perimeter, area, volume, ratio.
Science	Light
A&D	Making a 'Day of the Dead' mask
Computing	Multimedia presentations
Geography	Maps; Where in the world is Mexico?
History	The Mayan Empire
PSHE	Rights and Responsibilities
RE	Why are Good Friday and Easter Monday important to Christians?
French	Fashion and Clothing!
Music	Film Music!
PE	Tag Rugby and Netball