

Hola Mexico

Curriculum Map

Year 5 Spring



Values: Initiative and Communication

Experience: Mexican food taste-testing and Day of the Dead festival

Computing

We will have regular opportunities to use technology to aid our learning—we will conduct research using search engines and present our findings.

English

We will be writing for a range of purposes linked to our topic. We will launch with the recent Iceland advert and carry out our own research on deforestation, using this information to create non-chronological reports and to write a letter to the TV standards. Later on in the term, we will be linking our writing to our History week, where we will create our own shadow puppet scripts about Myths and Legends.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on multiplication before investigating decimals, fractions and percentages. We will be learning how to convert from each. We will also be learning about the area and perimeter of a variety of shapes. Throughout the term, we will still be practising our use of a range of problems including the 4 operations.

Science

In Science we will be starting our 'Light and Shadows' topic. We will be linking this with our shadow puppets writing in English.

Geography

As part of our new theme, we will be learning lots about Mexico. We will have frequent opportunities to use atlases, maps and the internet.

Physical Education

We will have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, but it is helpful to keep your PE kit in all week.

One session will be focusing on learning the rules of hockey, whereas the other will develop our gymnastic skills.

History

During History week, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will first look at where the Ancient Greeks fit in to our Historical timeline before learning more about their way of life and how this differs to our own. We will also have the opportunity to create clay pottery in a similar style to the Ancient Greeks.

Design and Technology

We will be creating a Day of the Dead mask using papier mache and will be carving skulls from soap.

Religious Education

Our RE lessons will explore different cultures. We will learn about Maya culture and consider how this way of life differs to ours.

Music

We will be exploring a range of Mexican music, discussing how it is different to what we listen to. We will have the opportunity to create our own instrument using a range of materials before using these instruments to investigate the different volumes and pitches that we can create.