

Hola Mexico



¡Bienvenido a México! 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 sangrita or limeade. 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 create an invitation to a Mexican food tasting session. In preparation, we'll make delicious drinks and savoury dishes. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls. With the Chihuahuan Desert as our imagined location, we'll write postcards and clear instructions for a game. We'll read Maya myths and legends, and write our own. 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.

Help 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.

Suggested text	Holes – Louis Sachar; The Hero Twins - Dan Jolley and David Witt
Memorable experience	Mexican musical performance
Innovate challenge	Festival procession
English	Invitations; Postcards; Instructions; Myths and legends; Poetry
Music	Mexican music; Musical notation
A&D	Sculpture; Maya art; Carving
Computing	Online research; Presentations
D&T	Food of Mexico; Evaluating and making instruments
Geography	Maps; Human and physical geography of Mexico
History	Ancient Maya civilisation
PE	Dance
Science	Light and shadows
Science investigations	How can we make red? What colour is a shadow?