

Class: Acers

Term: Summer 2026

Driver Subject: 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 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?

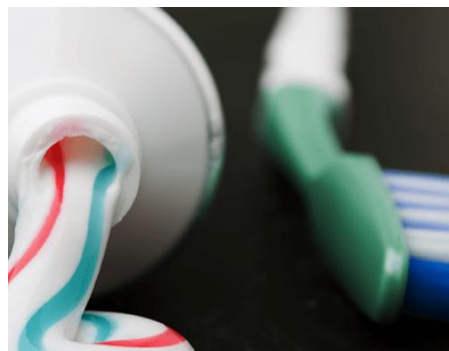
At the end of the project, we'll listen to Maya music and learn a traditional song. We'll also perform Mexican music from the past and present.

Help your child prepare for their project

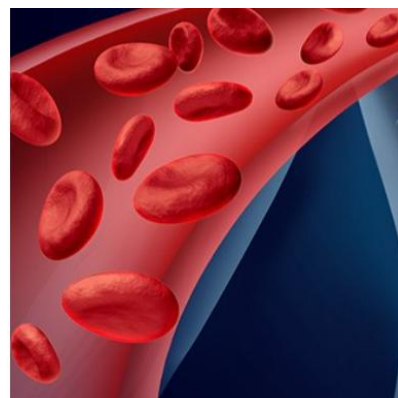
Mexico is a fascinating land full of music and celebration. Why not work together and use non-fiction books or online research to find out about the impressive landmarks of Mexico? You could also look at holiday brochures or websites to plan an imaginary trip to Mexico. Alternatively, you could sample Mexican food in a restaurant or at home.

Science Projects

How toothpaste protects teeth?



What's in blood?



How does blood flow?



English

Fiction - Bike Boy and Mars Transmission

Non- Fiction - Refugees and Feast

Maths

Y4 - Summer Term focuses on Decimals (including tenths/hundredths, ordering, rounding), Money, and Time. Summer Term 2 covers Statistics (graphs/charts), Shape, angles, symmetry, position and direction.

Y5 - Summer Term focuses on solidifying geometry, advanced decimals, measurement conversion, and volume. Key topics include understanding angles (degrees), positions on grids, adding/subtracting/multiplying decimals, negative numbers, converting units (length, mass, time), and calculating volume.

Religious Education

Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians?

How do Christians try to capture the mystery of God as Trinity?

Art and Design

We shall be exploring Mexican art and culture, with a particular emphasis on creating 3D masks representing the Day of the Dead skulls

D&T

We shall be designing and making Mexican fruit drinks as well as savoury Mexican dishes

Computing

Selection in physical computing and programming logo
Online security and relationships.
Making sensible choices online

French

The Weather
Tearoom

Music

Using Sing Up! We will be learning the Islamic song:
Madina tun nabi

Extras:

PE days: Tuesday and Friday
Remember to use sun lotion and wear a hat on hot days. Sports Day is set for Tuesday 19th May.
Year 4 will be having the Times Table check in June

PSHE

Online safety
Chores at home
First Aid

Hola Mexico!



These activities are for you to do at home. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

Activities

1. Find out about Mexico using information books and the internet and create a fact file. You might like to include Mexico's official name, its capital city, flag, location in the world, form of government, current president, population, geographical features, climate, natural resources, main religion, currency and the official language used by its people.
2. Spanish is the most common language spoken in Mexico. Use an online translation tool to find out what the following English words or phrases translate to in Spanish. Teach others the Spanish words and phrases you learn.

hello good morning good afternoon goodbye please thank you
yes no excuse me

3. Find out about the ancient Maya civilisation using the internet or information books, then create an information poster about one area of the Maya civilisation that you have found interesting.
4. Traditional Mexican food is enjoyed by people across the world. Work with an adult to find and then follow a simple recipe to prepare and cook a Mexican dish to enjoy with your family. You could try guacamole, enchiladas, tacos, fava bean soup or even churros for dessert.
5. Mariachi music is a traditional genre of Mexican music. Find examples of mariachi music online to listen to. *Cielito Lindo* is a well-known mariachi song. Write a short paragraph to evaluate the genre and its distinguishing features, including the instruments played, the volume, pitch and tempo of the music and the mood created.
6. Mexican artist, Pedro Linares, created fantastical sculptures of creatures by combining animals in unusual ways, such as a donkey with butterfly wings or a cockerel with horns. He called these sculptures *alebrijes*. They are traditionally made from papier mâché. Draw or sculpt a unique *alebrije* using Mexican wildlife as inspiration.
7. Finish your home learning by writing some sentences or explaining to an adult what you have learned about Mexico. Consider Mexico's geography, history, culture, art and festivals.

Useful websites

National Geographic Kids – Mexico
Kids Search – Kid's Translator
BBC Good Food – Mexican Recipes
DKfindout! – Mayans
Britannica – Mariachi

Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
Recipes from Mexico	Dana Meachen Rau	9781406273878
The Culture and Recipes of Mexico	Tracey Kelly	9781474778480
The Ancient Maya (Analysing Ancient Civilizations)	Louise Spilsbury	9781474777407
Daily Life in the Maya Civilization	Nick Hunter	9781406298567