



## **Bienvenido Mexico!**

We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals. During this half term, we'll learn about festivals and create an invitation to a Mexican food tasting session. In preparation, we'll make delicious drinks and tasty dishes. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls. With places such as the Chihuahuan Desert, we'll explore different areas and compare to where we live. The ancient Maya will come to life as we discover who they were and what they achieved. 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 simple woodwind instruments from recycled materials. Who can make the highest, loudest and longest sounds? Finally, our science will lead us into a world of lights and shadows...

<b><i>Subject</i></b>	<b><i>Focus</i></b>
<b><i>English</i></b>	Exploring figurative language, descriptive writing, newspaper reports and diary entries.
<b><i>Maths</i></b>	Investigating different methods of calculation, place value and four operations.
<b><i>Reading</i></b>	Beginning to understand comprehension as well as our novel: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.
<b><i>Science</i></b>	Lights and shadows.
<b><i>History</i></b>	The Ancient Maya civilisation.
<b><i>Geography</i></b>	Human and physical geography: where is Mexico? Daily life in Mexico and exploring the Chihuahuan desert.
<b><i>DT/ART</i></b>	Artists and sculptures: designing day of the dead masks and wood instruments. Researching and design our own Mexican food.
<b><i>Computing</i></b>	Computer literacy and networks.
<b><i>Music</i></b>	'World Unite': exploring rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance.
<b><i>PE</i></b>	Circuits and hockey.
<b><i>PSHE</i></b>	What are the British Values?
<b><i>RE</i></b>	Who is God?

## **How can you help at home?**

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.