



Year 5—Spring 1 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: Marvellous Mexico! We will be learning all about the ancient civilisation of the Mayans. In Design Technology, we will be cooking a Mexican feast and in Art we will be creating self portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo!



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Marvellous Mexico!

Reading We will be reading a series of non-fiction texts and Myths about the Maya. This will help with our History knowledge as well as thinking about how authors use specific language when writing different genres.	Writing We will be writing a non-fiction texts titled: 'The mysteries of the River Thames revealed.' We will use our research from last half term to sound like an expert geographer but also create a sense of fascination for our reader.	Maths This half term we will firstly be continuing our Fractions unit with adding and subtracting fractions. Following this we will be multiplying and dividing using formal written methods including problem solving. Finally we will be learning how to multiply fractions.
Science Our Science topic this term is called "Making new substances". We will be exploring how all matter, including gas, has mass. We will investigate how sometimes, mixed substances react to make a new substance and that these changes are usually irreversible.	History In History will we be answering the enquiry question: Why should we study the Maya? We will look at the themes of society, power and settlements and consider the achievements of the Maya and what may have lead to their civilisation collapsing.	Art In Art this half term, we will be looking at the work of Frida Kahlo and what inspired her. We will then be exploring a variety of techniques to create a self-portrait, such as: tint, shade and tone, colour matching and proportion. Finally, we will be creating our own self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo.
French We will be learning phrases linked to owning a pet, including asking and answering the question Do you have a pet?	Games and PE In PE this term we will be studying Dance. We will be choreographing a dance inspired by a Mayan God with consideration of dynamics, space and relationships. In Games, we will be learning passing and receiving skills in Basketball.	Design Technology In DT this term we will be researching Mexico and the food grown there seasonally. We will then plan, prepare and cook nutritious Mexican food using skills such as: chopping, peeling, grating, frying and boiling.
RE (Religious Education) Belonging In this unit, we will consider how belonging affects our own lives before explaining what the concept of "belonging" means. We will then explain how aspects of Muslim practice and belief develop a sense of belonging.	PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) This term we will be thinking about "Keeping myself safe". We will discuss examples of risky situations that happen online (e.g. on a phone) and what we can do to make them less risky. We will demonstrate strategies to deal with both face-to-face and online bullying.	

Key Dates: Friday 23rd January —"Mexicolor" visit hook

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days): Larch and Willow - Monday and Thursday

Homework reminders: Please remember to check Google Classroom for the weekly Maths or English Task. Paper copies of these will be also be sent home on a Friday and due in the following week. New spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Children are expected to read at least five times a week and record this in their reading record. They will also need to log into their TT Rockstars account to consolidate their times tables.