

P.S.H.E.

Drug Education and maintaining a healthy lifestyle

RE:

What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Do religious people lead better lives? Does religion influence the way people behave towards others?

Geography - Mexico

- Using atlases, globes and online maps to locate Mexico, its neighbouring countries, major cities and surrounding seas
- Drawing maps of Mexico and plotting key areas and geographical features (mountain ranges, deserts, rainforests, biomes)
- Researching geographical and human features of the Chihuahua Desert, teaching others what they have learned and contrasting it with another region in the U.K.
- Comparing a day in the life of a modern Mexican child with their own

History - Why study the Maya?

An enquiry-based study of the achievements and culture of the Ancient Maya civilization and a comparison with life in Britain during the same period of history. Looking at the major achievements of the Maya such as writing, mathematics and the calendar, as well as aspects of their culture such as food, farming, architecture, homes, hierarchy and religion.

Music

Listening to traditional Mexican music and identifying instruments
 Learning and performing a traditional Mexican song and dance
 Describing how Maya music was used to create expressive effects and convey emotion
 Mapping pieces of music using notation and recreating it with percussion instruments
 Exploring wind instruments and creating some of our own
 Planning and performing a musical extravaganza using a traditional Mexican song.

Memorable experience: Mexican music and celebration

Listen to and watch a traditional Mexican musical performance and a mariachi band! Explore poetry related to Mexico! Dance and play percussion instruments to the music. Learn the Hat Dance and taste a range of Mexican foods and cocktails. Learn about Mexican celebrations and enjoy an experience of a fiesta!

HOLA MEXICO!



Innovate!: Dia De Los Muertos- Day Of The Dead Festival

Learn about the Day of the Dead festival and explore it in a fictional and real context using film as a media for learning. Prepare for our very own Day of the Dead festival by making traditional decorations, wearing masks, displaying our skulls and making special foods for the occasion. Take part in a day of the dead procession! Children take part in assembly to present what they have learnt.

English

- **Informal descriptive letters** related to Holes by Louis Sacher

The children will read the book to a point where the main character has experienced the harshness of the Chihuahua Desert. We will focus on character and setting description.

They will explore the organisational and language features of informal letters. After research of the desert, they will write an informal, recount letter home in role as someone who has been sent to the desert in Mexico, giving a vivid description of the desert, camp, animals and people.

- **Instructions and explanations** related to some of the practices of the Ancient Maya
- **The Day of the Dead:** Using film clips as a stimulus for writing.

Quality Texts For Shared Reading

Poetry: They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles

Fiction: Holes by Louis Sacher

A range of non-fiction related to Mexico and the Ancient Maya

Computing

How we communicate

Learning how we find information on the World Wide Web and how to use search engines Investigating how we communicate and evaluating different methods of internet communication

Art

Exploring the art of Mexico and a study of Frida Kahlo
 Designing and making Day of the dead skulls from Modroc and wire

PE

The Mexican Ball Game
 Fitness