



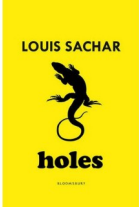
Year 5—Spring 1 Topic Overview

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!



Mrs Coe, Mrs Durack and Mrs Geary

Marvellous Mexico!

<p>Reading</p> <p>We will be reading Holes by Louis Sachar. In our first series of lessons we will be focusing on The reading VIPER-Prediction. We will also read the graphic novel 'Hero Twins' by Dan Jolley.</p> 	<p>Writing</p> <p>We will be writing an adventure/quest narrative set in the Mexican Jungle. We will aim to create a sense of danger and excitement in our writing. We will draw on our reading of 'Hero Twins' to support us.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>French</p> <p>We will be learning phrases linked to owning a pet, including asking and answering the question Do you have a pet?</p>	<p>Games and PE</p> <p>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 Tag Rugby.</p>	<p>Design Technology</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>RE (Religious Education) Belonging</p> <p>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.</p>		

Key Dates: Friday 24th January —"Mexicolor" visit hook

Aspens Staff visit— W/B 3rd February—Chef Liam supporting us to cook a Mexican feast

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days):

Larch - Tuesday and Thursday

Cedar - Tuesday and Wednesday

Willow - Tuesday 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 Thursday. 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 Home-School diary. They will also need to log into their TT Rockstars account to consolidate their times tables.