

## Year 6 Topic home learning - Hola Mexico

Next term we're going to head to Mexico! We'll explore its towering temples and stunning geography, its pulsing rhythms and fun festivals. Is your tummy rumbling? We'll concoct a traditional fruit cocktail and a delicious Mexican meal. Then we'll discover the mysterious world of the ancient Mayan civilisation!

Below are some activities to help you prepare for our learning; you have a free choice of the activities. Each activity has been given a number of points. **You must total at least 20 points with your chosen activities combined to be entered into win Mrs Batorska's diamond treat.**

Return your projects along with the cover sheet with your chosen activities highlighted by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Who were the Mayans?</u></b></p> <p>Find out about the ancient Maya civilisation then create a poster or a powerpoint about one area of the Maya civilisation that you have found interesting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Create a fact file</u></b></p> <p>You could 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cook Mexican food</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 points</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Practise Spanish</u></b></p> <p>Spanish is the most common language spoken in Mexico. Find out what the following English words or phrases translate to in Spanish. Create a poster, powerpoint or video to teach others the Spanish words and phrases you learn.</p> <p>"hello" / "good morning" / "good afternoon" / "goodbye" / "please" / "thankyou" / "yes" / "no" / "excuse me"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Animal art</u></b></p> <p>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. Draw or sculpt a unique alebrije using Mexican wildlife as inspiration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mariachi Music</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 points</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Library evidence</u></b></p> <p>Visit Bridport library and find a book that links to our topic. Bring into school and share with the class or write a book review.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Map work</u></b></p> <p>Find where in the world Mexico is and the key cities and tourist locations. Create your own poster to demonstrate your discoveries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mexican dog top trumps</u></b></p> <p>Find out about the two native breeds of dogs to Mexico: the chihuahua and the xoloitzcuintli. Create top trump or fact cards about these dogs – you could choose other native animals to Mexico too!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 points</b></p>