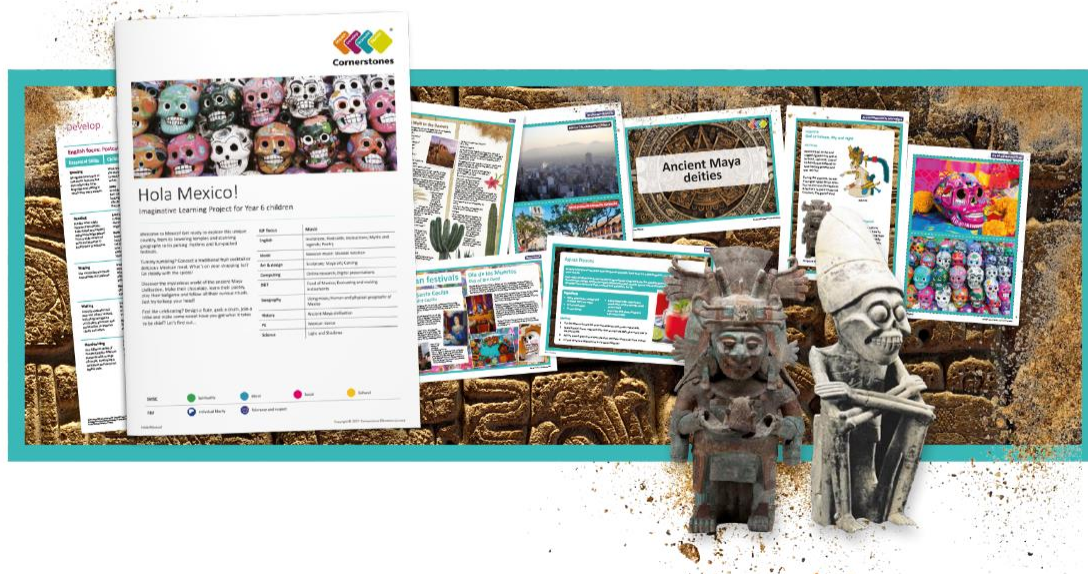


Hola Mexico!



Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals. During this half term we will listen to and explore traditional Mexican music and dance. We'll cool off by creating our own Mexican-party drinks. There will also be plenty of opportunities for food tasting, cooking, music-making and art challenges all linked to our Mexican theme.

Using maps, books and the internet to locate Mexico and explore its natural features such as the Chihuahuan desert. We'll discover what daily life is like and how it has changed over time alongside creating simple woodwind instruments from recycled materials. Who can make the longest and loudest sound? In History we'll learn all about the ancient Mayans: their hieroglyphics, gods and art.

At the end of this project we will hold a festival procession wearing self-made masks, playing our recycled instruments and singing the songs we have learnt. We will also serve up some of our food and drink creations!

RE, Science and some aspects of English will be taught discreetly this half term.

UNIT FOCUS	Music, Design Technology, Geography
English	Non-fiction writing about the Chihuahuan desert Fiction writing based around the movie Coco
Music	Mexican music, musical notation
Art	Mayan ceramic pots, day of the dead masks - sculpture
Geography	Mexico – physical and human geography, comparison to the UK
DT	Food and drink of Mexico, making instruments
History	Ancient Mayan Civilisation
PE	Traditional Dance
Computing	Online research and digital presentations
Science	Forces (unrelated to topic)

Help your child prepare for their project

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.