

Year 5/6 Medium Term Plan - Mexico



Term	Autumn 1		
Key text	Holes by Louis Sachar		
Key Vocabulary	Mayans, civilization, ancient, AD/BC, sustainability, trade, compare		
Overarching	- History - Make comparisons between aspects of periods of history and the present day		
objectives	- Geography - Understand and use a widening range of geographical terms e.g. specific topic vocabulary - urban, rural, land use,		
	sustainability, tributary, t	rade links etc.	
Curriculum coverage ar	nd content		
Key Theme	Subjects covered within theme	Curriculum content covered within theme	
Who were the	History	 Make comparisons between aspects of periods of history and the present day 	
Mayans?		 Use dates to order and place events on a timeline 	
Explore where		- Describe a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history - Mayan civilization c. AD	
they lived		900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300	
Compare to	Geography	 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features 	
Vikings		studied	
• Mayan		- Understand and use a widening range of geographical terms e.g. specific topic vocabulary - urban, rural,	
achievements –		land use, sustainability, tributary, trade links etc.	
chocolate		- Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North	
		and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human	
		characteristics, countries, and major cities	
		- Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use,	
		economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food,	
		minerals and water	
		- Understand why people seek to manage and sustain their environment	
	ICT	- Be discerning when evaluating digital content	
Mayan cities and	History	- Make comparisons between aspects of periods of history and the present day	
temples compared to		- Make confident use of a variety of sources for independent research	
Britain today		- Evaluate the usefulness of a variety of sources	
		 Understand that the type of information available depends on the period of time studied 	

Day of the dead	Art	 Experiment with using layers and overlays to create new colours/textures
Mayan masks for		- Select ideas based on first hand observations, experience or imagination and develop these through
the fiesta		open ended research
Traditional		- Evaluate his/her work against their intended outcome
decorations for	P.E.	 Perform dances using a range of movement patterns
the fiesta		- Compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their
Mexican dance		personal best
Mexican fiesta	Music	- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different
		traditions and from great composers and musicians
		- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music
Animals including humans	Science – Discrete	 Describe the changes as humans develop to old age
		- Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the
		heart, blood vessels and blood
		- Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
		- Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
Online Safety	ICT – Discrete	 Understand the need to only select age appropriate content
		- Use technology respectfully and responsibly
		- Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact in and out of school
French	French	- Take part in conversations and express simple opinions giving reasons
Year 5 – getting to		- Create his/her own sentences using knowledge of basic sentence structure
know you		- Use vocabulary learnt from reading in different contexts and use dictionaries to find a wide range of
Year 6 – let's visit a		words
French town		- Begin to use intonation to differentiate between sentence types
		- Learn a song or poem using the written text for support
PSHE	Year 5 – TEAM	See curriculum
	Year 6 – Think Positive	