



# Year Two Curriculum News

## Spring term



All aboard for Mexico! This term we will dive into the Mexican culture and learn all about their way of living.

### Literacy

We will be:

- Reading and writing information texts about Mexico.
- Writing newspaper reports, instructions, diaries and letters.
- Reading and writing poetry.
- Re-writing the story of 'Adelita – a Mexican Cinderella story'.

Our punctuation focus will be:

- Using question marks, exclamation marks, commas and even apostrophes for possession.
- Re-reading to check all sentences make complete sense!

At home you could:

- Visit the library and find books about Mexico.
- Read child-friendly newspapers together.
- Assist children in proof-reading and editing their own writing.

### Numeracy

We will be learning about:

- Multiplication and Division - The children will look at groupings, sharing, 2, 5, 10 time tables and division.
- Statistics - Drawing and interpreting different charts such as bar charts and pictograms.
- Shape - Recognising and drawing 2D and 3D shapes.
- Fractions - Finding  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of shapes and being able to see the equivalent between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

At home you could:

- Visit Purple Mash or DB Primary to play different number games.
- Practise number bonds to 10 then 20 at speed (without having to think).
- Go through methods from our calculation policy.

### Our Maths scheme of work

We are using White Rose Maths across the school in order to deepen children's understanding of different concepts and develop their mathematical reasoning skills. You may have see some of the White Rose videos and resources on DB Primary throughout our home learning.

Please visit the White Rose website

(<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/primary-sols/>) or read our calculation policy on the school website to find out more about how we are teaching different methods in different year groups!

## Science

We will be learning about:

- Plants - look closely at similarities and differences. Describe how plants and seeds grow into mature plants. Use simple equipment to plant a seed. Observe and make simple notes on my growing plant.
- Sound – how sound is made, how it travels to us and how it can change.

At home you could:

- Visit the local park and look closely at a variety of different plants.
- Grow plants in different places in your home and notice any differences.

## ICT

We will be learning about:

- Research- how to use the internet to find facts about Mexico.

At home you could:

- Visit your class DB Primary page for lots of links to websites about Mexico.
- Practise typing at speed using Purple Mash games.

## DT

We will be:

- Designing and making a Mexican meal!

At home you could:

- Cook together with your children, teaching them how to safely wash, chop and mix ingredients together.

## Geography

We will be:

- Comparing Mexico to the UK. Where is Mexico? What is it like to live there?
- Learning about the Mexican village of Tocuaro and how life differs for people living there.

At home you could:

- Look at travel brochures about Mexico.

## Art

We will be:

- Designing and creating Aztec patterns.
- Printing using tools similar to Aztecs.

At home you could:

- Create your own patterns using paint, colouring pencils or paper tiles.
- Visit an art gallery.

## Music

We will be:

- Listening to Latin Music and creating our own.

At home you could:

- Use the internet to listen to music from around the world. What instruments can you hear? How does the music make you feel?

## History

We will be learning about:

- The Aztecs – how was life different from our community and daily lives?
- Mayan history and how this differs from Aztecs.

At home you could:

- Find out about different people who lived in this society.

## RE

We will be learning about:

- The Lord's Prayer.
- The 10 Commandments.
- The true meaning of Easter.
- Different Christian churches.

At home you could:

- Visit places of worship such as churches, synagogues or mosques. How are they different and similar to St Matthew's Church?

## PE

We will be learning how to:

- Develop cognitive skills to support with sports and games.
- Work creatively to develop ball skills.

At home you could:

- Visit the park and play team games.

