

These are the exciting things I will be studying this half term...

English

This unit combines non-fiction reading and writing skills, whilst interleaving in persuasive elements to reinforce procedural fluency in students. Students will be reading a variety of non-fiction texts about Mexico. This will be supported with non-fiction primary sources, news articles and informational texts to create a wider understanding of the country.

Students will be challenged to write persuasively creating a poster with information about why people should visit the country.

Humanities

In history this half term we are going to explore the Maya empire! They will have the opportunity to try some traditional Maya food and learn what some of their customs and beliefs were.

In Geography, we are learning about Mexico. They will learn where it is located, what geographical features it has and how life in Mexico compares to life in the UK.

Science

In Science pupils will be learning about light and sound. They will be able to explore how light and sound can vary in different situations.

The theme for this half term is about Mexico, and learning about sound and light will be linked to festivals and traditions in Mexico.

Maths

This half term, students will continue to build upon their skills to multiply and divide numbers. Students will be able to use concrete resources and images to support their understanding of the link between repeated addition and multiplication. They will be exposed to examples where groups are equal but look different. As students move through the curriculum, they will develop skills to be able to mentally calculate multiplication and division calculations. Students will then move on to look at proportions, ratios and percentages.

Music

This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening and performance skills by singing and playing along to songs from the Disney movie, 'Coco'. Pupils will continue to explore different instruments and begin to develop a preference in order to access performance activities.

ICT

This half term we will be completing the module titled 'Presentation Skills'. Students will learn how to use the features of PowerPoint in order to create a presentation on a topic/subject of their choice. In addition to creating a presentation, students will learn key skills such as creating folders and saving work. In PowerPoint students will learn how to use templates, create new slides, select slide layouts, insert images and text, and format text and text boxes. Some students will learn how to use slide transitions, animations and sound to enhance their presentations.