



Halesowen Church of England's Learning at Home Information

Mexico.

Here are some ideas our staff have come up for Mexico.

- Make Mexican food (Tacos/Nachos)
- Design and create a Pinata using junk modelling

When you break your pinata sing this traditional song-
Here is our pinata,
What a sight to see.
Filled with treats and goodies,
just for you and me.
When it's time to break it,
we'll circle all around.
Then we'll scramble for the treats,
That fall down to the ground.
- Can you create a silly limerick for breaking a pinata? Remember limericks have 5 lines, lines 1,2 and 5 must rhyme with each other and lines 3, 4 must rhyme with each other. Use your imagination they can be as silly as you like.
- Create the Chichen Itza using boxes
- Create a holiday brochure for Cancun Mexico (including places to visit, temperature, food and drink, fun facts)
- Mexico has a rich culture of street art- have a go at designing your own street art. If you have chalk and some space outside (where you have permission to draw!) have a go at your own street art pictures. Try copying some different graffiti font styles- can you write your name in these different styles?
- Build a Mexican pyramid- think about the shape of a pyramid and its properties (how many edges, faces, vertices, shape of the faces) You could use junk modelling, lego, blocks etc
- Make a pair of maracas out of recycled materials. <https://kinderart.com/art-lessons/multic/maracas-recycled-objects/>
- Design a mini travel guide for Mexico. Include ; What top 5 things can you do there? Where can you stay? What can you eat? Present as a leaflet or as a powerpoint. <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico>
- Make an Aztec pattern- This is a repeating pattern made out of shapes like the one below.





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- Listen to Mexican music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhKj1lqg_5o Can you identify any of the musical instruments used?
- When listening to the Mexican music can you keep the pulse of the music. you can clap your hands, stamp your feet or nod your head. Challenge someone in your house to follow your pulse.
- Design your own sombrero.
- Create your own Day of the Dead mask and research why it is celebrated in Mexico.
- What animals would you find in the Chihuahua Desert? Choose one and create a Trumps card for it.
- Watch Coco or The Book of Life.
- The Mayans used masks for different reasons; celebrations (usually an animal face), battle (dark and intimidating) or funerals (bright and colourful). Look around your house for materials to create one of the masks.
- Play Jumping Beans- with your family play some Mexican music. When the music lays you must ump like you are a jumping bean. When the music stops you must freeze in the position you were in. When the music starts, start jumping again.
- The language they speak in Mexico is Spanish. Learn how to count from 0-10.
 - One (1) in Spanish is *uno* (OO-noh).
 - Two (2) in Spanish is *dos* (doss).
 - Three (3) in Spanish is *tres* (tress).
 - Four (4) in Spanish is *cuatro* (KWA-tro).
 - Five (5) in Spanish is *cinco* (SEEN-ko)
 - Six (6) in Spanish is *seis* (SAISS).
 - Seven (7) in Spanish is *siete* (SYE-te).
 - Eight (8) in Spanish is *ocho* (O-cho).
 - Nine (9) in Spanish is *nueve* (NWAI-be).
 - Ten (10) in Spanish is *diez* (DYESS).
- Make maracas using empty yoghurt pots.
- Make a Mexican hat using paper etc.
- Make colourful paper flowers -origami.
- Make cheese nachos and decorate the table with a centrepiece of paper flowers.
- Research day of the dead, make a shrine or tribute to your own family