

Year Three Newsletter — Week Commencing July 13th

Theme of the week:

Mexico



This week, WC 13th July 2020, we're going to focus on Mexico as part of a virtual tour of the world and its countries. Use the links and images as you'd like. We've set out a series of tasks to get you thinking about Mexico's history, but if you have a particular interest, follow it! Make sure you share your work with us; we'd simply love to see what you're up to! Stay safe, and keep an eye on Oakley Vale's Twitter page; that's where you'll find lots of the work your friends are sharing, plus all other information about what we're up to! Keep up the great work, the Y3 team.

Don't Forget!

Don't forget about the work set on Purple Mash (You don't just have to do the work we "set" you. Have a look at what the sites can offer!) We're also regularly updating the website.

Creative Activity

Can you design a menu using only foods that were originally ONLY found in Mexico and South America. (CLUE— Some of our most common foods were brought back from the New World such as potatoes, tomatoes and turkey!)



Geography Activity

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zbdmpv4>

This link from BBC bitesize is a short introduction to Mexico. Where is Mexico? How many people live there? Can you name 5 cities. Can you find out what is special about their flag? Are there mountains? Are there rivers? Does Mexico have a coastline? What do the Mexican people export (send to other countries) and what language do they speak? Can you make a booklet to show your learning?

Topic Activity

The Mayan Civilisation

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/za6svwv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-introducing-the-maya-civilisation/znk3cqt>

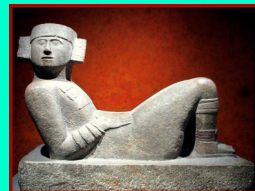
Follow these great links to find out more about the ancient peoples of Mexico.

Why are jaguars so important?

What is a chac mool?

Where is Chichen Itza?

Who was Kukulcan?



English Activity

Read or listen to this audio story about a wolf and its tail

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/audio-stories-how-the-wolf-lost-its-tail/zrd7wtv>

Reading comprehension

- Find and copy the word that means the wolf moved quickly.
- Why do you think the wolf howled loudly?
- What is the story about?
- What are the main differences between the wolf and the fox in the story?
- Where is the story set? How do you know?

WRITING TASK:

DESIGN A 'WANTED' POSTER DESCRIBING THE WOLF. (THINK ABOUT ITS APPEARANCE, PERSONALITY, ACTIONS.)

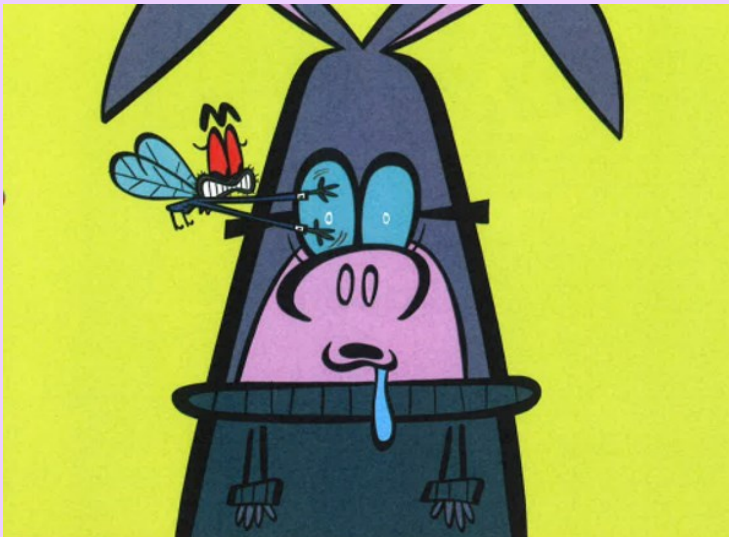




Character
Confident words
brazen
Adj. bold and shameless Like stealing a policeman's wallet in plain sight
<u>other meanings</u> None that you need to worry about.
<u>other forms</u>



Character
Beautiful words
presumptuous
Adj. overconfident, arrogant, or rude Like someone who starts celebrating before they win
<u>other meanings</u> None that you need to worry about.
<u>other forms</u>



Character
Eye words
vacant
Adj. empty or without emotion Like eyes that have a blank and lifeless look
<u>other meanings</u> None that you need to worry about.
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Drawing:	Meaning:
Synonyms:	Sentence:
Word Pairs:	

MRS WORDSMITH IS BACK!!

Here are this week's three powerful words for you to research, learn and use. Have fun!