

Planning Overview
Spring 2022 – Americas -
Mexico
Base 3 – Year 2/3
Miss Willis

Computing

In computing we will be using Scratch to design, programme and debug animations.

Art

“You are the most beautiful maiden in the land”.

This term in our Art lessons, we will be focussing on the works of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and her use of self-portraits and facial expressions. We will be using a range of techniques to recreate our own self-portraits.

RE

“They prayed that the sweet, heavy scent of flowers would put the mountain God back to sleep”.

In RE this term, we will be looking at the ‘Kingdom of God’ and ‘Stories of Forgiveness’. This includes parables.

Literacy

“She liked to teach then poetry, or *flor y canto*”.

In Literacy this term, we will be focusing on the text ‘The Princess and the Warrior’ by Duncan Tonatiuh initially to spark our curiosity on Mexico. A wide range of texts will lead our reading and writing across the term. We will be working on using phonics and spelling rules throughout all areas of writing and reading.

We will continue to build on our knowledge and use of punctuation in our sentences. We will extend our understanding of the range of sentences we can write linked to the purpose of the writing eg confidently writing a range of sentence types; by using a wider range of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions, as well as using adjectives, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and adverbial phrases to add description to our writing. Y3 will also learn to paragraph their writing.

Science

“I know your heart is shattered as if it is made of obsidian glass”.

In Science this term, Y2 will investigate everyday materials; Y3 will investigate rocks.

“As long as tonatiuh rises, as long as the cenxontle bird sings”.

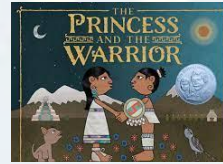
We will be exploring light and shadows

Music

Through our music lessons we will be developing our singing, listening, composing and musician ship focusing on two songs:

“I wanna play in a band” and “Bringing us together”

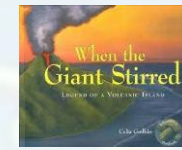
The Princess and the Warrior



Maths

This term we will be following the year Y2 and Y3 Maths Ready to Progress curriculum, continuing to close the gaps in our learning and move our learning on.

We will build on our fluency for quick recall and application. We will use our prior knowledge of number and place value to support our learning of multiplication and division. We will move onto fractions, and geometry (shape) and measurement.



When the Giant Stirred

We will also be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. **Geography**

“The mountain belched out black smoke... it rumbled and roared”.

In our Geography lessons this term, we will be using maps, atlases and google earth to build on our learning on the UK and to locate Mexico (our focus country), develop our locational knowledge and learn about its physical features.

History

“They presented her with rare gifts, such as quetzal feathers and turquoise necklaces”.

In History, we are going to be learning about Mexican ancient civilisations, focusing on the Mayans; their culture and beliefs.

PE

In PE we will be continuing to develop our skills and fitness through Hockey and Gymnastics. We will also be introduced to cricket through coaching by Aston Cricket Club.

D&T

“But Popocateptl spews ashes and smoke from time to time as if attempting to wake his sleeping princess”.

- **Design:** Sketch and label
- **Make:** Pneumatic volcanoes – 3D models
- **Technical Knowledge :** Pneumatic systems