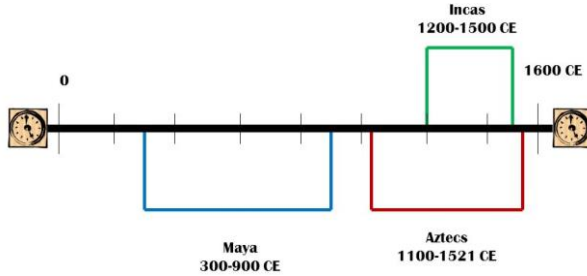




# Knowledge Organiser - Mexican Madness - Class 3



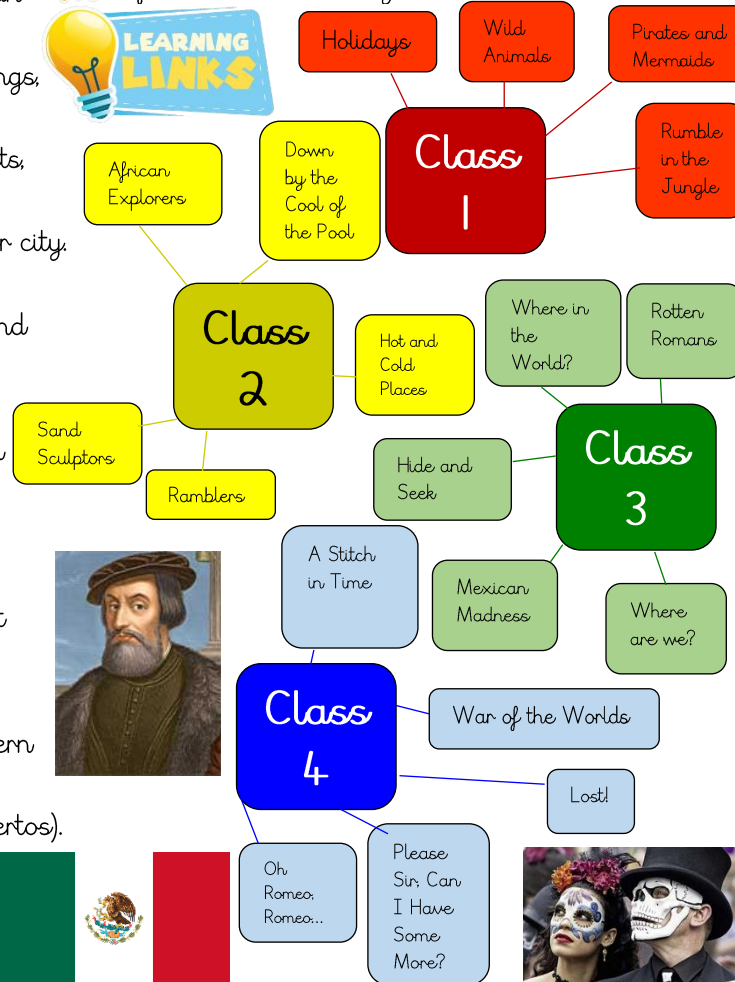
## BIG Idea



Mexico has developed over thousands of years and has seen many different cultures and religions over the last 3000 years. But how are the human and physical features of Mexico similar and different to our own area? And how has the past influenced modern day Mexico?

## Sticky Knowledge

- ✓ There are seven continents around the world; these are North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia and Antarctica. There are five oceans around the world; these are Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Southern Ocean.
- ✓ Human features are objects created by humans e.g. buildings, roads, motorways.
- ✓ Physical features are naturally occurring objects e.g. forests, lakes, rivers.
- ✓ An urban environment is a place located within a town or city.
- ✓ A rural environment is a place located in the countryside.
- ✓ An Ordnance Survey map (OS map) shows the human and physical features within an area using symbols.
- ✓ Mexico has a population of 129 million.
- ✓ The capital of Mexico is Mexico City and has 22 million people living there (this is their largest city).
- ✓ The main language spoken in Mexico is Spanish.
- ✓ The currency in Mexico is 'Pesos'.
- ✓ The climate can vary between tropical climate to a desert climate.
- ✓ Mexico is situated within the 'Ring of Fire'.
- ✓ The Mayans, Incas and Aztecs settled in or near to modern day Mexico City.
- ✓ Mexico celebrates 'The Day of the Dead' (Dia De Los Muertos).



## Vocabulary

- Map**- a diagram showing the place where you are.
- OS map**- a map of an area showing human and physical features on it.
- Atlas**- a book/collection of maps.
- Human Features**- buildings/objects created by humans.
- Physical Features**- natural objects/places created by nature.
- Culture**- the ideas, customs and behaviours of a group of people or society.
- Religion**- the belief in and worship of a God or gods.
- Pesos**- the currency used in Mexico. 1 Mex\$ = 4p.
- Dia De Los Muertos**- The Day of the Dead, a celebration to celebrate and honour relatives and ancestors within families.
- Mayans**- the Maya civilization of the Mesoamerican people is known by its ancient temples and glyphs.
- Incas**- a civilization founded in Peru in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century.
- Aztecs**- originated as a nomadic tribe in northern Mexico; arrived in Mesoamerica around the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> century.
- Gold**- a precious metal dug up from the ground, used to make statues and jewellery.
- El Dorado**- the ancient city of gold.
- Conquistador**- a conqueror.
- Hernán Cortés**- led the Spanish conquest to take over the Aztec Empire.
- Machu Picchu**- an Incan citadel set high in the Andes Mountains in Peru, above the Urubamba River valley.

