

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: April 2026

Year 4

This half term our theme is..



Marvellous Mexico



Welcome to the new half-term. This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters informative and useful.

What are we learning during this theme?

During this half term, the children will be learning about Mexico and comparing it to the United Kingdom. In Science, they will be exploring Animals Including Humans, learning about the human body and how to stay healthy. In PE, the children will be completing a unit on swimming, developing their confidence and skills in the water. For D&T, the children will be creating felt books that showcase different ways to stay healthy and in Computing, they will continue developing their coding skills by learning how to use the program Scratch.

You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website: <https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

The Year 4 children will be taking part in their Residential trip to Overstrand where they will benefit enormously from the experience, both educationally and socially.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading, spelling and times table practice and the expectation is that these are completed daily. Children will also be given a larger homework task to complete once a week and this will alternate every other week from being a piece of written English work, or a piece of maths work from the CGP homework books. All our homework tasks can be found on Google Classroom.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning of this theme. Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?

Things to do:

The children could use Google Maps to discover where Mexico is and use the StreetView feature to look at the landmarks and scenery of this fascinating country.

Listen to some Mexican music- why not listen to a Mariachi band?

[Happy Mexican Traditional Music MEXICAN PARTY Mariachi, Guitar, Trumpet](#)

Learn a Mexican Hat dance routine.

[Mexican Hat Dance](#)

Make fajitas for a Mexican themed family meal!

[Cooking with kids: Fajitas recipe | BBC Good Food](#)

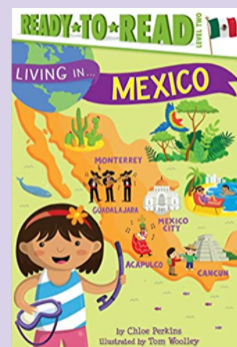
Books to read:

The Dead Family Dias
by P.J. Bracegirdle



Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures: The Amazing Mexican Secret by Jeff Brown.

Next Stop: Mexico by Ginger McDonnell



Living in Mexico by Chloe Perkins

Things to watch:

[BBC iPlayer - Go Jetties - Series 2: 40. Cave of Crystals, Mexico](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Deadly 60 - Series 3: 13. Mexico 2](#)

[BBC iPlayer - My World Kitchen - Series 2: 1. Marinas Mexican Enchiladas](#)

Have a go at this traditional Mexican Dance: [Mexican Hat Dance from Kidsongs: I Can Dance | Kids Dance Songs | PBS Kids | Top Songs For Kids](#)

Interesting facts about Mexico:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tWAGdBbMRQ>

Introducing Mexico for Kids
[Introducing Mexico \(for Kids\)](#)