

Activities at Home

Project: 'Celebrations'



Dear Parents,

The activity for week:

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beginning: 27th September

Is: 'Birthday celebrations...Mexican fiesta'

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Learn about traditions of birthday celebrations in Mexico.
- To identify Mexico in the world map.
- To learn about cooperation, sharing and respect for others.
- To learn a few words in Spanish, the language spoken in Mexico.

Our activity includes:

- Talk about Mexican fiestas and the traditional piñata to celebrate birthday parties. Encourage the children to talk about the birthday parties they have been to or they had and talk about the different traditions people have e.g Mrs Gabriella celebrates her Names Day
- Read the book "La piñata" by Stephan Czernecki and Timothy Rhodes.
- Show images and short videos of a Mexican party.
- Learn and sing a simple rhyme in Spanish to break the piñata.
- Make our own piñata during the previous week using the papier-mâché technique on a balloon and decide which character we are going to make.
- Fill in the piñata with treats and explain the rules for the game to the children.
- Celebrate our own Mexican party breaking our piñata in the playground pretending it's a Teddy bear's birthday party.

Differentiation:

Have visual prompts to support learning points e.g. party game rules and behaviour

Different types of scoops with different sized handles

Split into smaller groups as appropriate

You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- **Visit some party shops to look at some piñatas.**
- **Make your own piñata together follow instructions in Pinterest or YouTube.**