

The Day of the Dead

- A ritual known today as Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, had been practiced by the local people at least 3,000 years.
- The best way to describe this Mexican holiday is to say that it is a time when Mexican families remember their dead, and the continuity of life.
- In recent times it has come at the same time as the Christian holiday of Halloween (in Spanish: "Día de Todos Santos,")



This theme is presently part of our Yr8 scheme of work. It is an opportunity for students to become aware of the Art from different cultures and use some of the ideas to develop their own individual artistic outcomes.

During the project, they have to decide how they are going to dress the skeleton. Whether it's going to be for a special occasion like a wedding. Alternatively, their choice of costume could relate to the former profession of their imaginary person. e.g lawyer, fireman, or to a historical time period. e.g. Pirate, soldier, hippy, punk.

We provide them appropriate reference books for ideas to record detail from and show them the different techniques that can be used with oil pastel.

As you can see from the display, students have produced some weird and wonderful drawings that show off their creative and imaginative minds!

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