



Dia de los Muertos

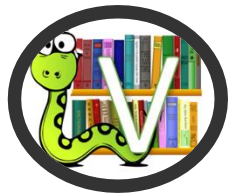
Stage 6

Unit Focus: Mexico

Text Focus: Information Text



Today we are learning to...



identify new words when you read and discuss their meaning in context



summarise and order information from paragraphs



retrieve simple facts

Before reading...

What is Dia de los Muertos? How does this image link to it?



Task 1: Read 'Dia de los Muertos' in pairs

While you are reading, you may wish to:

- Underline and identify any new, unknown words
- Underline any important facts

Challenge:

Describe the celebration in three words and explain your word choice.

Share the most interesting fact you've read with someone.

Task 1: Read 'Dia de los Muertos'

Read this extract from the information text. Think carefully about your expression and the punctuation!

Between the 31st of October and the 2nd of November every year, Mexicans get together and celebrate one of the most colourful festivals in the world calendar. Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a way for people to remember their friends and relatives who have passed away.



Task 2: Quick-fire retrieval

*These are the **ANSWERS**. What could the questions be?*

- 1) The 31st of October and the 2nd of November every year
- 2) The Aztecs
- 3) Skeletons with painted faces
- 4) Marigold flowers



Task 2: Quick-fire retrieval

Some possible questions!

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- 1) **The 31st of October and the 2nd of November every year**
When does the Day of the Dead take place?
- 2) **The Aztecs** *Who were the first tribe to create a celebration which respected the dead?*
- 3) **Skeletons with painted faces** *What do people dress up as on the last night of the festival?*
- 4) **Marigold flowers** *Which flower is said to be the flower of the dead?*