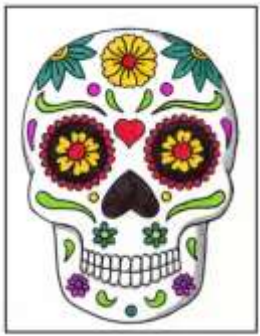


Textiles: Day of the Dead Soft Sculpture

In this unit, the children will research decorative skulls (Calavera) used to celebrate the Day of the Dead Festival in Mexico. They will draw up their own designs and then create a soft sculpture as a hanging decoration.

Day of the Dead Calavera

Calavera are highly decorated representations of human skulls or skeletons. They are used to remember departed souls and are placed on family altars in the home or on gravestones.



Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn a variety of decorative stitches eg:



Key Vocabulary:

Annotate: to add notes to explain your plan or design.

Applique: a type of textile work where small pieces of cloth are sewn onto a larger piece.



Evaluation: when you look at the good and bad points of something and then think about how you could improve it.

Fabric: a natural or man-made woven material, that is made from plant fibres, animal fur or synthetic material.

Pattern: an outline or shape drawn on paper and used for cutting the correct shape and size of fabric.

Sew/stitch: to join or fasten materials using a needle and thread.

Stuffing: soft material used to fill cushions and small toys.

Thread: yarn used to join 2 or more pieces of fabric.

Working drawing: a detailed drawing that combines all the info and measurements needed to make the product and is updated as changes are made.

Health and Safety

When using a needle and scissors, keep your fingers well clear.

When you are not using your needle, keep it safely attached to your name paper.

When moving around the classroom, walk sensibly and be aware of the other children.