## Picture This... Deeper Learning... **Key Vocabulary... CALAVERA** is spanish for "skull" and they are often made as edible or decorative skulls from either sugar (alfeñiques) or clay. **SUGAR SKULLS** are representative of a departed soul. The making of sugar skulls is labourintensive and made in very small batches in the homes of sugar skull makers. These skulls are meant to show the joy and happy memories you remember when you think of a lost loved one. People will paint their faces to look like a sugar skull to celebrate the holiday. **SYMMETRY** is symmetrical when it is the same on both sides. Always remember... Cconnotations White - hope and purity of colour **Red** – passion, anger and love Yellow - happiness and joy Purple - royalty, luxury and richness Pink - love and positivity Green - jealousy and/or disgust Orange - energy, excitement and warmth Black - death and mourning

What is Day Of The Dead?

The **Day of the Dead** is very famous seasonal holiday celebrated in Mexico and elsewhere associated with the Catholic celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

The Day of the Dead is held over a three-day period, starting on 31st October, November 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> each year.

The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and to remember friends and family members who have died, by celebrating with music, food and drink.

You will have some previous knowledge about the Day of the Dead (el Día de los Muertos) as you have studied this celebration in your **Spanish lessons**.

In art, we will be exploring the folkart style of sugar skulls, the symmetrical patterns and meanings behind the art.

## The Big Question...

What is the meaning of the sugar skull and why do they wear them?

Activity: - Try a variety of colour ways when designing your sugar skull. Does this change the overall effect?