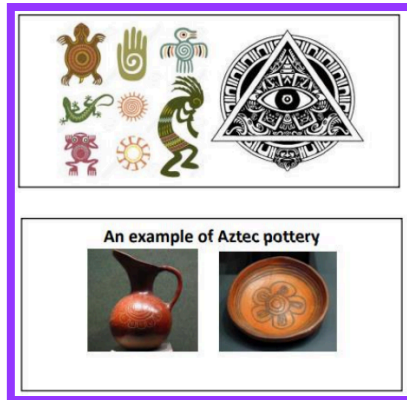


Exploring Brazil, The Aztecs and Chocolate

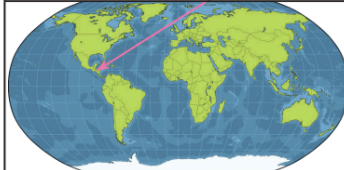
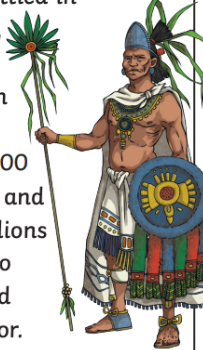
During the topic we investigate the mouth-watering topic of chocolate and its history. We probably haven't thought about where one of our favourite foods comes from and how it is made. Throughout this topic we will aim to find out about its origin, who the Aztecs were, the local history links with Birmingham plus many more! Excitingly, we will also be designing and making our own chocolate bars! This is always a memorable topic!

Key Events	
AD 1100	The Aztecs are nomads , moving from place to place.
AD 1200-1300	The Aztecs arrive in Mexico .
AD 1325	The city of Tenochtitlán is built as their capital city.
AD 1428	As the Aztecs form an alliance with other tribes , their empire begins to grow.
AD 1521	The Aztec empire is invaded and destroyed by Spain.
AD 1522	Tenochtitlán is rebuilt as Mexico City - the capital of Mexico.



What Were the Aztecs Famous For?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agriculture (farming) • calendar system • art • continuing the Maya tradition of making a chocolate drink using cocoa beans • architecture (buildings and structures), including pyramids, palaces and temples • writing in pictograms and hieroglyphics

Key Vocabulary	
alliance	When two or more groups of people or countries agree to work together and help each other.
empire	A group of people ruled by an emperor.
hieroglyphics	A writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words.
Mexico	A country in North America.
nomads	A group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one location.
sacrifice	An offering of something as a religious act.
trade	Buying and selling goods and services.
tribe	A group of people including many families.

Who Were the Aztecs?
<p>The Aztecs were a nomadic tribe who settled in Mexico around AD 1300.</p> 
<p>They settled in Tenochtitlán as this had a good supply of water and food with easy access to nearby towns for trade.</p>
<p>Once they settled in Tenochtitlán, the Aztec empire began to grow. It covered 80,000 square miles and included millions of people who were all ruled by an emperor.</p> 

Additional texts to compliment this topic



Established in 1992, the Fairtrade Foundation aims to give small-scale farmers a better deal, offering families in rural communities a stable income and enabling them to plan for their future.

Buying items with the Fairtrade mark means you are helping to support farmers and workers around the world, giving them a fair price for their products.



PLACES TO VISIT:

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Your local library: Find the history section and find books that give you information about the Aztecs or some of the other books above to compliment the topic.

Visit Online:

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/>

[Visit Aztecs_KS2b.pdf](#)

<https://mysteriesintime.com/category/history-topic/aztec/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/aztec-civilization>

KEY QUESTIONS:

- Where does chocolate come from?
- How is it made?
- Who made the first chocolate bar?
- How much was the first chocolate bar that was made?
- How many different chocolate bars do Cadburys make?
- Who or what were the Aztecs?
- What influence did the Mayan civilisation have on chocolate?
- What links chocolate to Birmingham?

INTERESTING FACTS

The Aztecs loved and valued the cocoa bean so highly that they used it as currency during the height of their civilisation.

The word Aztec means 'someone who comes from Aztlan' an unknown location in northern Mexico.

The scientific name for the tree that chocolate comes from, *Theobroma cocoa*, means "food of the gods!"

The first recipe for 'eating' chocolate was invented right here, in the UK, in 1847 by Joseph Fry. You can still enjoy a Fry's chocolate bar today!

Chocolate is the only edible substance to melt around 93° F, just below the human body temperature. That's why chocolate melts so

KEY TEXTS:

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan

Non-Fiction texts related to The Aztecs and How Chocolate is Made

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