

Knowledge organiser

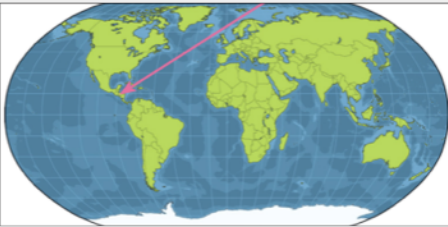
Phase 1



Aztecs and Chocolate - History

Who Were the Aztecs?

The Aztecs were a nomadic tribe who settled in Mexico around AD 1300.



They settled in Tenochtitlan as this had a good supply of water and food with easy access to nearby towns for trade.

Once they settled in Tenochtitlan the Aztec Empire began to grow. It covered 80,000 square miles and included millions of people who were all ruled by an emperor.

Key vocabulary

Alliance

Empire

Mexico

Sacrifice

Hieroglyphics

Nomads

Tribe

Definition

When two or more groups of people or countries agree to work together.

A group of people ruled by an emperor.

A country in North America..

An offering of something as a religious act.

A writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words.

A group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one location.

A group of people including many families.

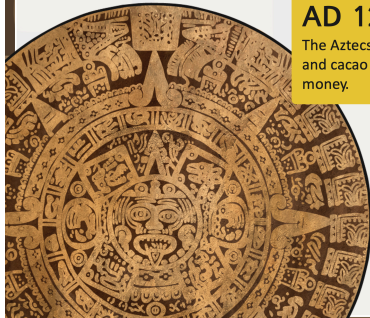
The History of Chocolate

1500 - 400 BC
First recorded use of cacao beans by the Olmec Indians in Mexico.



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AD 1200 – 1500
The Aztecs used cacao for trade and cacao seeds as a form of money.



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1657
The first chocolate house was opened in London. Cacao was very expensive and in France, chocolate could only be drunk by royalty!



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900 - 250 BC
The ancient Maya of Mexico and central America made cacao into a spicy drink mixed with chilli.



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1540
The Spanish brought cacao home and started flavouring it with cinnamon and sugar.



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1830
J.S. Fry and Sons of England produced the first ever moulded bar of 'eating chocolate'.



What Were the Aztecs Famous For?

- 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**



By the end of Year 3 you will need to:

- Know the importance of chocolate to the Aztec Civilisation
- Understand the meaning of 'civilisation' and 'empire'
- Understand how events in history can have an impact on our lives now
- Identify Mexico and the UK on a world map