

Nova Primary Knowledge Organiser

Line of Enquiry: What is the most important thing about chocolate?

Year 4: Term 5 and 6

Big Idea: Civilisations

Key Subject Areas: History and Geography

What should I already know?

History

- Identify key details about the achievements of the earliest civilisations (Ancient Egyptians and Stone Age)

Geography

- Able to name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans .
- Able to use basic geographical vocabulary (each, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather)
- Able to use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans.

What will I know by the end of this line of enquiry?

- I will know who the Mayan civilizations were and key facts about how they lived.
- I will know where the Mayans lived and when in history this was.
- I will know how the Mayans are linked to chocolate.
- I will know what Fairtrade means and how this affects workers.
- I will be able to research what type of chocolate will be the most popular and create a design around that.



Key Facts:

- Who were the Mayans?** The Mayans lived between 1000BC—AD1697 in what is now known as Central America. They lived in tribes where
- Who discovered cocoa/chocolate?** The Mayans consumed chocolate by first harvesting the seeds or beans from cacao trees. They fermented and dried them, roasted them, removed their shells, and ground them into paste.
- Which countries are in Central America? What geographical features do they have?** Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize and more. There are rainforests, mountain ranges, coastlines.
- What was it like to be a Mayan?** Life as a Maya commoner was full of hard work. The typical peasant worked as a farmer. At the start of the day, the wife would get up early and start a fire for cooking. Then the husband would leave to go work at the fields.
- What goes into chocolate to make it taste good?** Sugar, milk, the texture, extra flavourings
- What is Fairtrade?** Fair trade is a worldwide movement that aims to help farmers and producers in less developed countries. The term fair trade means that they receive a fair price for the goods that they produce.
- What is the journey of the cocoa bean?** There are lots of details to research here by overall the process is harvest, fermentation, drying, roasting, grinding and tempering.

Chronology of Key Events

Mayans Lived in Mesoamerica: 1000BC—1697 AD. (3000 Years Ago)
 Previous Topic Term 1 and 2: Romans in Britain : AD43—AD410: (1610 Years Ago)
 Chocolate in the UK 1600s (420 Years Ago)

Key Vocabulary

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| Hemisphere | A half of the earth, as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator. |
| Continent | Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica). |
| Country | A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory within a continent. |
| Design | A plan or drawing produced to show the look and function or workings. |
| Mayans | The Mayans or Maya were people who made their home in an area known as Mesoamerica (modern day Mexico or Central America). |
| Equator | The Equator is an imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. |
| Weaving | The craft or action of forming fabric by interlacing threads. |
| Prototype | A prototype is an early sample or model of a product built to test a concept or process. |
| Artefact | An artefact, or artifact, is something made or given shape by humans, such as a tool or a work of art, especially an object of archaeological interest. |
| Fairtrade | Fair trade is a worldwide movement that aims to help farmers and producers in less developed countries. The term fair trade means that they receive a fair price for the goods that they produce. |
| Cocoa Beans | Cocoa beans are little beans found in the pods that grow on cacao (cocoa) trees. The pods are orange and are about as big as a small pumpkin |