

## Temples & Tortillas: The end of the Aztecs

Sombreros all round as we journey into the deepest and darkest parts of Mexican history. The intrepid explorers in Oaks will begin by learning about the ancient Aztecs - a fierce tribe of people who dominated northern Mexico at the time of the Spanish conquest in the early 16th century.

This topic will involve map reading, food tasting and even some dressing up to experience life as an Aztec. We'll even use our Computing skills to record our facts using HTML code!

In Mathematics, the children will be solving money, time and multi- step problems. The class have already begun testing their Aztec sundials, with some demonstrating amazing accuracy at telling the time to the nearest minute! The class will also be researching modern day Mexico, this will involve calculating the cost of travelling to Mexico; working out baggage allowances and what might be needed to pack in preparation for the different temperatures!

During Literacy lessons, the children will be writing in role, redrafting and improving their work and using literary techniques to describe different events that have happened in the past. Many of the Year 5 children have already completed some extremely creative Aztec stories which are on display in our classroom!

In Science, the children are learning about Earth and Space, they have already been researching facts about each planet in our Solar System. They have also made mobiles displaying the size differences of each of the planets! We will be delving deeper into our topic to uncover what the Aztec civilisation believed about the Earth? Did they think it was flat? Were there names for the different planets even?

A busy couple of terms!