

Where does chocolate come from?

What will we be learning?

- Where does chocolate come from?
- Where is chocolate made? (Local area study)
- How has chocolate changed over time?
- Which chocolate contains the most amount of sugar?
- How has packaging changed?
- How is chocolate sold effectively?

Key knowledge

The first use of cacao beans was by the Olmec Indians in Mexico. The ancient tribe of the Maya first used cacao to make a spicy drink mixed with chilli. The Mayans used cacao beans as a currency. In 1830 J S Fry and sons produced the first ever moulded bar of 'eating chocolate.' In 1861, the Cadbury brothers of England marketed the first box of chocolates. Over the 200 years that Cadburys has been producing chocolate bars the flavours and tastes have adapted and changed.



Glossary

Cacao Trees- small trees that grow in tropical areas

Fair trade - where producers are paid a fair price for their goods

Cacao beans- cacao beans grow on cacao trees and are used to make chocolate. Cacao is Spanish for the word 'cocoa.'

Slogan - a snappy phrase used in advertising

Harvest - the process or period of gathering crops

Equator - imaginary circle around the earth. It divides the Earth into two equal parts the Northern and Southern hemisphere.

Event	Date
Olmec Indians discovered chocolate in Mexico	1500-400BC
Ancient Mayans of Mexico used chocolate to make a spicy chilli drink	900-20BC
Aztecs used chocolate as money	1200-1500AD
Christopher Columbus was the first European explorer to find cacao beans	1502AD
The first chocolate house opened in London	1657AD
First 'eating chocolate bar' created by JS Fry and sons	1830
John Cabury opened the first small factory	1831

Key Facts

Where does chocolate come from?

Where are cacao beans grown?



Cacao trees only used to grow in South America and Central America but now they are grown in the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon (West Africa) as well as Indonesia, Brazil and Ecuador.

