

# Year 3 DT & ART Projects

Here are some Art and DT projects. Please take your time and do not rush them. Be flexible, if you haven't got all of the materials for one project, move on to the next one.

## 1. Aztec Headdress (DT)



- Research on the internet and create a fact file about the Aztecs, who were they? Where did they come from? Add some photos to your fact file.
- Look at 'Sun God' designs.
- What did they represent?
- What sort of headdresses did the Aztecs wear?
- What were they made from?
- What can you find out about the different designs and patterns that the Aztecs used.

### AZTEC HEADDRESS:

You will need the following items: Large paper plate or large circle of strong card, felt pens, coloured card strips, stapler, glue or sellotape

- You are going to try and make your own Aztec Headdress:  
Fold a large paper plate in half - if you don't have a paper plate then a large piece of strong card will do.
- Look at patterns and design to do with the Aztecs, then draw suitable designs and patterns onto one half of the paper plate
- Use coloured felt pens to get a much brighter and bolder design.
- Cut various lengths of coloured card to make into 'feathers'.
- Fold the card lengthways in half and then make a series of small cuts along the unfolded edge.

- Open out the feathers and staple or glue in between the two edges of the paper plate.
- Make at least 6 - 8 feathers.
- Cut another long strip to go around the head, decorate and staple or glue into place.
- Remember to take a photo of your finished headdress!

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## 2. Aztec Sun God Designs (ART)



You will need the following items: Large piece of cartridge paper or other suitable paper, a large circle template to draw around, oil pastels (if you have them) or use felt pens or colouring crayons or even paint & inks! Pictures or photos of Aztec Sun God designs and patterns

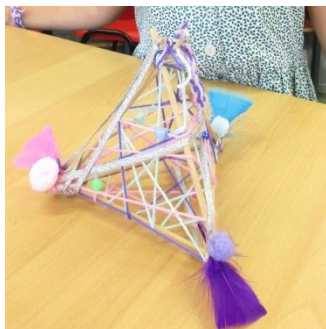
- You can learn about Aztec sun gods by creating a fact file about the Aztec Sun Gods
- Look at patterns and design from the Aztec period.
- Practice drawing patterns and designs that represent the Aztecs.

### LARGE DRAWINGS OF AZTEC SUN GOD:

- Draw around a large circle template to get the outline shape of a sun. Add sun rays to outside of circle (think about a clock when you are drawing the 'sun rays' that will help you with positioning. Draw designs and patterns on the face, showing details and features of the chosen sun god. Use oil pastels etc to colour in design, press quite hard to make strong, bold colours on the design.
- Cut out your finished 'sun god' ready for display in your window perhaps!
- Remember to take a photo of your finished design

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### 3. PYRAMID DREAM CATCHERS (DT)



You will need the following items to make your Dream Catcher:

6 lengths of dowelling wood or sticks roughly the same thickness, (the wood needs to be about 15cm in length) or as long as all the wood is the same length you can experiment with making different sized dream catchers!

Elastic bands or string to tie your wood together at the corners

Wool and other textiles, Beads, feathers & pompoms, Glue.

- Learn how to construct a pyramid using 6 lengths of dowel wood or sticks
- Join together with elastic bands or string
- Learn how to weave lengths of textiles and wool to make a design on the frame.
- Cut 6 lengths of dowel wood or sticks to desired length.
- Join together in a pyramid shape with elastic bands or string
- Cut lengths of wool/fabrics and tie the first piece to the top of the frame.
- Weave around the frame, securing tightly before adding next piece.
- Add decorative beads, feathers and pom-poms for embellishment.
- Make a twisted wool hanger to complete project so that you can hang up your finished dream catcher!
- Remember to take a photo of your finished Dream Catcher

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#### 4. Nature Collage pictures: Art & DT

Art from Nature designs:



Collect lots of different items when you are out on your daily walk or collect things from your garden - see how many animals or patterns you can make with your collections. Take photos of your designs and maybe you could make a slide show presentation of your creations!



Or how about creating a collage landscape or seascape using tissue paper or coloured magazines and a collection of natural things that you have found.

#### 5. Project: Decorated Plant Containers Art & DT

You will need - plastic containers large would probably work well (like milk container)  
Acrylic paint, scissors, fabric off-cuts, plastic off-cuts

An adult will need to cut off the bottom of the container.

Paint your design onto the container working with it upside down (as in the photos) Add decorations, facial features etc



When completely dry you can then put compost into the container and grow some plants, seeds etc.



### **Extra Projects:**

When you have completed the above activities -

Perhaps you could think about other DT or Art ideas and projects and come up with your own designs, inventions/creations. There are lots of projects on the internet for children to explore, so I will look forward to seeing what you come up with. You could also use your sketch books to draw, paint, stick photos and pictures in or just be creative!

Looking forward to seeing your wonderful creations! Please create an Art and DT folder in your My Drive and save photos there.

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