## **Aztec Printing**

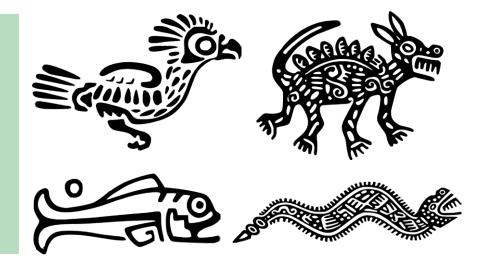
Aim: To use drawing and printing to produce a piece of art inspired by Aztec designs.

Animals such as crocodiles, lizards, snakes, deer, rabbits, monkeys, jaguars and eagles featured a lot in Aztec art. On the famous Aztec sunstone, many of the days are represented by animals.

Create some amazing Aztec art with a printing activity using Aztec patterns and symbols.

## What You Need

- Strong card- an old cardboard box would be perfect
- String
- Scissors
- Paint
- White glue (such as PVA)



## What to Do

- 1. Research some Aztec patterns and symbols. Copy them out or use them as a start to design your own on plain white paper.
- 2. Keep your design as simple as possible, using clear, bold lines.
- 3. Cut a square of cardboard that is bigger than your design.
- 4. Glue your design to the cardboard.
- 5. Add a layer of glue over your design and begin to add string, following the lines you have drawn.
- 6. To secure the string, add another layer of glue and then leave to dry.
- 7. Using a roller, cover your string picture with paint and print onto plain paper.

