

Year 2

Gazelle Class

Incredible Inventions

Summer 1

Key Vocabulary:

inventor - a person who invented a particular process or device.

legacy - what you are remembered for.

prediction - giving an idea of what might happen next.

theory - an idea to explain what you have observed or think may happen.

experiment - a scientific process to make a discovery, test a theory, or prove a known fact.

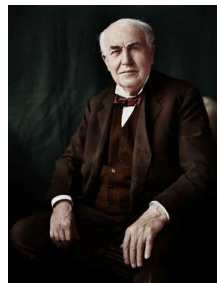
observation - closely watching or monitoring of something or someone.

Key Questions:

- How did the invention of a lightbulb change our way of living?
- Who invented the World Wide Web?
- You are an inventor! What would you invent?

Significant People:

Thomas Edison was born on February 11, 1847, in Ohio, USA. He was called a "wizard" because of his many important inventions. He created more than 1,000 devices on his own or with others. His best-known inventions include the phonograph (record player), the lightbulb, and the motion-picture projector.



William Caxton was born in 1422 and became an English merchant, diplomat, and writer. He is thought to be the first person to introduce a printing press into England and was the first English retailer of printed books.



Maria Sibylla Merian

(1647-1717) loved to draw and paint. Unusually, much of her artwork featured **insects** which she collected and observed in glass jars. Maria was one of the first people to observe, describe and record the metamorphosis of insects.

