

Sequence of Learning

Explain who the Maya people were and when and where in the world they lived;

Explain the religious beliefs of the Maya people;

Understand how the Maya number system works;

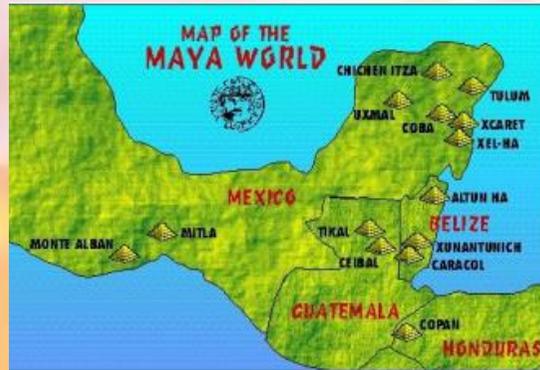
Identify and use a range of evidence sources to help me understand more about the Maya civilisation;

Explain what the Mayan writing system consists of, how words are constructed and what codices are;

Describe the range of foods ancient Maya people ate and explain why certain foods were significant.

Year 4: Marvellous Mayans

Summer 2



Key Vocabulary

Chronology	AD	BC	Civilisation
Society	Archaeologist	Historical Evidence	
Primary Source	Theory	Warfare	
Invasion	Religious	Economic	Pyramid
Temple	Sacrifice	Glyphs	Trade
			Agriculture

Interesting Facts:

The ancient Maya people were quite a sophisticated bunch! They developed a writing and number system; studied and charted the stars and planets; invented three complex calendars to keep track of time; built impressive temples, palaces, monuments and cities; skilfully farmed the land and established a complex political system.

The ancient Maya were a clever, deeply religious people who valued intelligence and learning. This helps to explain how and why they were able to develop a complex, thriving **civilisation** which began over 2000 years ago.

National Curriculum Key Skills

Develop chronological understanding and use words such as BC/ AD, after, before, during;

Use evidence to describe what was important to people from the past;

Give reasons why changes may have occurred during a time period;

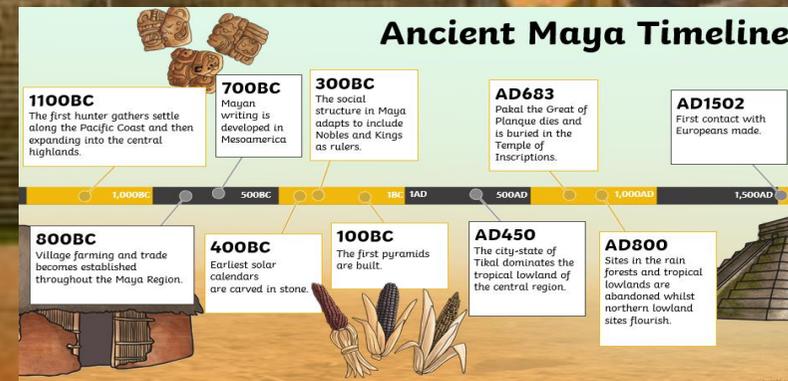
Develop a broad understanding of ancient civilisations;

Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources;

Ask questions such as 'what was it like for a ... during ...?'

Suggests sources of evidence from a selection provided to use to help answer questions;

Communicate ideas about the past, using different genres of writing, drawing, diagrams, data-handling, drama and using ICT.



Final Outcome:

Class debate: Which is the most important legacy of Ancient Mayan Civilisation?