



Launch

To launch our topic, we will be holding a Pok-A-Tok tournament! But, what is Pok-A-Tok? You will have to wait and see! If you do know the game, do not worry, the ending will be adapted!



How did life in ancient Maya compare with life in Britain at the same time?



Key dates

- 29th February - Women in STEM visit
- 6th March - Books at Bedtime
- 11th and 13th March - Parent Consultations
- 19th March 3.20pm in classrooms - Mayan Art Gallery
- 28th March - Inset day

Topic Overview

This half term, we will be studying the ancient Mayan civilisation between 2000BC - 1500AD. As historians, we will be thinking about the location of the Mayan world as well as the social customs, daily life and invasions that befell it. We will then use our knowledge to compare and contrast major events from the Mayan civilisation to those in Britain during the same time period. To help us make these judgements about the past, we will use a variety of sources and consider how and why these show bias. This will need careful consideration when deciding what impact European travellers had on the Mayans. Alongside our History work, we will be designing and making Mayan masks using collage techniques as well as cutting and finishing skills. As scientists this term, we will be investigating materials. We will be focusing on how we can use our prior knowledge and work scientifically to plan and conduct experiments that will help us to answer a range of questions, such as, how can mixtures be separated?

Key Vocabulary

Maya	Civilisation
Ceremonies	Social
Central America	Customs
Pyramid	Sacrifice
	Comparison

Learning Conversations

- Where do you think the Mayan Civilisation was located?
- How do you think their society was different to ours?
- Why is it important to study civilisations from around the world?
- What can we learn from exploring different civilisations in history?

Drivers

Aspiration and Community - Bournemouth University's 'Women in STEM', will be inspiring us all with a talk about careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They will also be delivering exciting workshops for each class to immerse themselves in.



Topic Challenge

Research one of the Maya Gods that the Mayans worshipped and create a fact file. You can present it in your own way, so get creative!

Remember to include the following points: name, profession, demands and a picture.

Due date: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Did you know?

The ancient Mayans created a form of writing, which was incredibly complicated.

Despite popular belief during the ancient civilisation, the Mayan calendar did not predict the end of the world!

The Mayans really enjoyed sweating and thought it cleansed their bodies!

Landing

On Tuesday 19th March at 3.20pm join us in our classrooms, which will be transformed into our own art galleries. We will be sharing a variety of our work made during the topic, including our Mayan masks and poetry.

