



Learning organiser

Years 5 & 6

Term 1a

The Mayans

Important Dates	Significant People	Important Facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2000BC - The Mayan civilisation begins in Central America ➤ 300BC - cities such as El Mirador become large and powerful ➤ 900 AD - cities in the rainforest are abandoned due to droughts ➤ 1500s AD - the Spanish arrive in South America and set about destroying the remaining aspects of the Maya civilisation ➤ 2014 AD - 2 further Mayan cities discovered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood extensively documented the Mayan civilisation during the 1800s. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Maya writing system, used to write several different Maya languages, was made up of over 800 symbols called glyphs. ➤ The Maya developed a complex number and counting system that was advanced for their time. ➤ The Maya believed in and worshipped a number of different gods. They believed that the gods had a good side and a bad side and that the gods could help or hurt them.

Key Vocabulary	History skills to be developed	Writing opportunities	Cross-curricular Links
Civilisation Drought Ritual Jaguar Scribes Codices Maize Cacao beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understand that some historical events occurred concurrently in different locations i.e. Ancient Egypt and Prehistoric Britain, Maya Civilisation and Anglo Saxon England. ➤ Independently order and place correctly on a timeline the dates of key events ➤ Undertake an in-depth study of a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history - The Maya civilization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Non-fiction writing ➤ Recipe and instruction writing ➤ Narrative writing using Rain Player - David Wisniewski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maths - the Mayan number system and the Mayan calendar ➤ Art/DT - weaving - God's Eyes - what is their meaning and significance ➤ Art/DT - Mayan Masks - overlaying cardboard for texture and 3D effect ➤ Art/DT - Quetzal birds - sculpture and 3D collage ➤ Geography - location of Mayan Kingdom using Maps and Globes

Trips and Fieldwork

- Mayan Showcase of work from term.

