

Unit outcomes and rationale

- Identify when and where the Ancient Maya civilisation existed.
- Explain the reasons for the decline of the Maya civilisation.
- Compare Maya civilisation with Anglo-Saxon civilisation.

This builds on our learning from Year 3 and 4 where we learnt about Anglo Saxons and other civilisations across Europe and the world.



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Ancient Maya
God statue
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Ancient
Maya city
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Important things I will know, understand and do:

- The Ancient Maya civilisation is first recorded in 2,000 BCE and lasted until 1524 CE.
- The Maya civilisation existed in modern day Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador.
- Identify characteristics of rainforests.
- Understand how homes were built 1,000 years ago.
- Compare creation stories across civilisations.



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Ancient
Maya home
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Anglo Saxon
home
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Disciplinary concepts

- Change and continuity.
- Cause and consequence.
- Similarities and differences.
- Historical significance.
- Sources of evidence.
- Historical interpretations.










Historical enquiry

- Posing historical questions.
- Gathering, organising and evaluating evidence.
- Evaluating and drawing conclusions.

Substantive concepts

- Power (monarchy, government and empire).
- Beliefs.
- Civilisation (social and cultural).
- Trade.
- Achievements and follies of man/kin

Important vocabulary I will learn and use

abandon	To leave behind with no intention of returning.	
City-state	A self-governing city and its surrounding territory.	
Creation story	Story told by a religion or civilization to explain how the Earth and humans began.	
decline	To grow weaker or smaller.	
deforestation	The act of cutting down the trees of a forest.	
drought	A long period with little or no rain.	
hieroglyphics	A system of writing that uses image, pictures and symbols instead of words.	
pyramid	A huge stone structure in the shape of a pyramid – 3D shape with triangle faces that meet at a singular point.	
Tropical rainforest	A dense evergreen forest found in the tropical region of Earth – near the equator.	

Timeline

