

Y6- The Ancient Maya



End Points:

The Maya lived in present-day Mexico and Central America

The Maya was a civilisation with a well-developed culture and way of life :

- They invented objects and systems which advanced their way of life.
- They invented farming techniques to make different regions fertile

We know about the Maya from their writings in glyphs, advanced number system and their buildings that are still there today.

Key Vocabulary

Word

Definition

architecture

The art of planning, designing and constructing buildings

civilisation

A human society with a well-developed culture and way of life, living in a particular period of time

glyphs

Mayan writing system which used over 1,000 different signs, each representing different words and sounds.

hierarchy

A system of organising people into different ranks or levels of importance, for example in society

indigenous

People or things that belong to the country in which they are found

Mesoamerica

A historical region in southern North America. Derived from the Greek meaning 'middle America'

noble

Belonging to a higher rank in social society from birth

society

A large group of people that share the same laws, rights, and resources

trade

The activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services

terrace farming

Walls are built to make small flat fields one on top of the other to increase farmland in mountain areas.

How you can help at home:

- Talk about other ancient civilisations you know about
- Look at any maps of South America
- Learn the vocabulary on the right.

Prior Learning

What is a civilisation? (Hierarchy of power and societal roles in Ancient Egypt).

Viking trade and why it was neces-

Future Learning

KS3 to know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world: the nature of ancient civilisations; characteristic features of past non-European societies.

