



History Topic Overview: Ancient Maya

Previous linked learning	I think I already know...	I would like to find out...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 1 – Intrepid Explorers – understand that life is different from the past and discoveries help change the world. - Year 2 – Castles – understand that people fight battles to take control of a country - Year 3 – Stone age to iron age – understanding of British prehistory - Year 3 – Invaders and Settlers (Romans) – understanding of technological advances 		

Key Vocabulary

New Vocabulary:

Hieroglyphics
 Maize
 Dynasty
 Nobles
 Bloodletting
 Slaves
 Human sacrifice
 Astronomical
 Aztec
 Monarchy
 Conquistador
 Mesoamerica
 Mayan temple
 Colony
 Democracy
 Civilisation
 Pyramid

Prior Vocabulary:

Archaeologist
 Artefact
 Calendar
 Chronological
 Empire
 Kings
 Kingdom
 Worship
 Europeans
 Ruins
 Tomb
 Temple
 Prediction

By the end of this unit you will be able to....

- Explore where and when the remains of the Mayan ruins were discovered.
- Investigate how the Mayan civilisation developed over time.
- Find out about the city states of the Maya and how society was organised.
- Investigate Mayan religion and beliefs.
- Understand everyday life for the Mayan people.
- Explore Mayan writing and calendars.
- Examine the decline of the Mayan civilisation.

