

# Mysterious Maya



Year 4  
Spring Term



Some of the questions we hope to answer during this term are...

What is an ancient civilisation?

Who were the ancient Maya?

Where did the ancient Maya people live?

What is the Maya calendar?

What did the ancient Maya believe?

Why was chocolate important to the ancient Maya?

What did ancient Maya writing look like?

What happened to the ancient Maya?

Which animals were important for the ancient Maya?



This term we will enrich the learning with...

♦ Chocolate tasting: 50p donation

♦ Maya Feast: £1 donation

♦ Maya Workshop : £8.75

♦ Creating Tie-dye shirts





# What will we be doing in each subject?

In English, we will create a non-fiction page on Maya Ancient Civilisation. We will enrich our writing by reading many different myths, tales and stories from the Maya culture.

In maths, we will continue making cross-curricular links through geometry and statistics, alongside discrete teaching of time, area and perimeter, negative numbers and multiplying and dividing.

During science lessons, we will be looking at living things as well as environmental changes. We will also look at different types of teeth and their function. In design technology, we will design and make our own tie-dye t-shirts and experiment with food that the Maya used to eat!

During computing, we will be creating podcasts, as well as programming microbits.

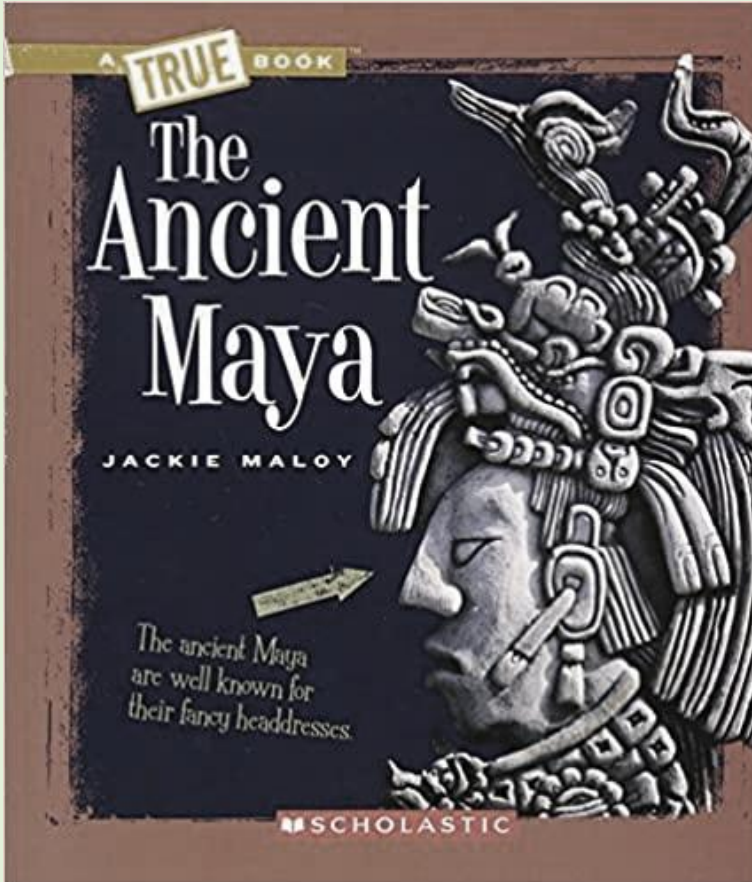
In art, we will create Mayan temples and masks using a range of media. We will also be exploring pattern and considering colour, composition and shape.

In PE, we will develop our dance skills incorporating the theme of carnival animals, whilst also building on our gymnastic skills. During games, we will play tag rugby and hockey.

In history, we will be looking at the Maya hierarchy, exploring their number system, gods and goddesses, Mayan civilization and artefacts.

Finally, in geography, we will be identifying where the Mayans lived, looking at South America and explaining the importance of the Amazon Rainforest.

You might like to join in with our learning at home by...



### Reading:

- The Chocolate Tree (A Maya Folktale)
- The Hero Twins (A Maya Myth)
- The Ancient Maya (True Books: Ancient Civilizations). By Jackie Maloy.

### Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/>

