



Year 4 and 5

The Ancient Maya

Home Learning Activities :



Set: May 1st – May 15th



The Maya civilisation began long ago in a place called 'Mesoamerica'. This huge area is made up of Mexico and part of Central America. They were experts at reading the stars and even built their cities as a map of the sky! They were also inspired by the creatures of the forest and shared many legends about animals, plants and nature spirits. We would like you to investigate and share your findings on the answers to **two questions** about the Maya. Have fun with presenting your work – **we suggest spending a week on each question**. Be creative! Below are some ideas but if you have an amazing idea of your own – go for it!

How do the Maya fit into the timeline of world history?



Explore the Maya – **where** they existed. Tell us about **when** archaeologists found out about their ancient civilisation and when it came to an end. Explore if the Maya are still living **today**. You could create:

- A timeline of major world events and civilisations showing where the Maya fit into it. This could be drawn on paper, created using Word, PowerPoint, Book Creator or even Minecraft!
- A physical timeline using string with bits of material to represent key moments. Or use something in your home to create a timeline on top of (with permission!).
- Explained using voice or video recording of you talking about this timeline. You could record as a news report or as a historian.
- A poem or song /rap written, performed or recorded to video about where the Maya fit in world history and how their civilisation was discovered!

What are the Maya Ruins of Tikal?



The Maya would always have a central 'plaza' around which they built everything. Explore the city of Tikal and the features of the ancient ruins. To share your findings, you could:

- Draw a map or plan of the ruins marking all the major buildings and features.
- Create a powerpoint or Book Creator report on the ruins explaining the key features.
- Build your own 3D replica of Tikal (with help and safety assistance where needed!)
- Recreate the ruins using Minecraft if you have it, or with Lego. [Some useful links using QR codes:](#)

Have fun and be creative! We are all missing you and want you to stay safe, be super kind, keep active and really enjoy your learning whilst at home. 😊

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