

The Mayans :

What was life like for the Maya?

History

Knowledge organiser

Teaching focus: non-European society, provides contrasts with British history

Learning Lens: Cultures - Use timelines to place events, periods, and cultural movements from around the world and use these as a reference point.
Use key timelines to demonstrate changes related to the Learning Lens

Previous Knowledge

Ancient Egyptian civilization – use of hieroglyphics, pyramids and gods/religion

Project Hook or 'Wow' memory

Using cereal boxes build a class pyramid

The key skills we want pupils to use during this topic:

To use **COMPARISON** and **CONTRAST** to explain why the Mayan time system and number different to ours and **explain** how it is different

To use **ANALYSING** of secondary sources (photos) to find out about Mayan life and culture

To develop understanding of **CHRONOLOGY** by ordering Mayan culture and events

Learning Steps

Key Knowledge(answers)

What was Mayan writing like?

The Mayan's wrote using pictures
These picture were called Hieroglyphs
Symbols represented words
They wrote on paper made from bark

How did the Maya tell the time?

The Mayan's used a 52 year calendar.
They used the long count system.
The long count system counted days past creation day

What numbers did the Maya use in Maths?

They used lines and dots to represent numbers. The higher these were stacked reflected on their value.
Used only 3 symbols.

Did the Maya play football like us?

There were two teams but both teams could not use their hands or feet. The losing team was sacrificed to the Gods. The ball was very hard and many people were injured.

How do we know about the Maya?

We know about the Mayan from finding their art, architecture.
They built huge pyramids which have been discovered and explored

Where and when did the Maya live?

The Mayan lived in South America which is a rainforest.
Life was very difficult due to the nature of the area.
Relocated due to prolonged flooding.

Key vocabulary

Pitz

Maya ball game

Glyphs

writing, system of writing used by the *Maya* people

Long Count System

a **system** of dating in the Maya calendar

stelae

Stone, sculptured stone monuments

Sacred/Solar Year

The *Maya calendar* is a system

Mesoamericas

Larger areas in the Americas

Codex/codices

A type of book written by the Maya

Final Written Outcome

An explanation text about what What was life like in Mayan times?

Alternative Outcome:

Mind map covering all of the key questions in the unit.

