



What made the Maya so distinctive?



Essential Project Pre-Learning

- The equator is an invisible line around the centre of the Earth
- Areas close to the equator experience higher temperatures
- The Anglo-Saxon period in Britain lasted from approximately 410-1066 AD



Essential Project Learning

- The Maya civilisation lived in Mesoamerica. We now know this region as Central America
- The region experiences a tropical climate



- The Maya built their cities in lowlands, rainforests and mountains
- Due to the climate conditions, they were inventive with their farming and used techniques such as slash and burn
- There were three main crops grown - maize, squash and beans - and these were known as 'The three sisters'

- The Maya created a special hot chocolate drink which they believed was a gift from the gods
- Their society was hierarchal, with kings at the top, and slaves at the bottom



Language Dozen

Mesoamerica

An ancient cultural region including Mexico, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala

region

A large area of land that has common features

equator

The invisible line around the centre of the Earth

climate

The usual pattern of weather in a specific place, over a very long period of time

slash and burn

A farming method where people cut down trees and plants in a forest, let them dry, and then burn them to clear the land

cenotes

A natural, water-filled sinkhole or pit (a well)

cacao

A small tropical tree that produces large, colourful pods filled with seeds, which are the main ingredient in making chocolate and cocoa powder

archaeologist

A scientist who acts like a detective for history, studying how people lived long ago by examining the things they left behind

hierarchy

A way of organising people or things in ranked levels

artefact

Any object made, modified, or used by humans—especially from a long time ago—that has historical or cultural significance

The three sisters

The three main crops grown by the Maya - maize, beans and squash



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**YEAR 5 SUMMER
TERM 2026**

Essential Question:

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**THE GOLDEN
RULES**

Do as you are asked the
first time.

Take care of everyone
and everything.

Show RESPECT at all
times.

**Good attendance is
95%+.**

**Please remember
to arrive on time!**

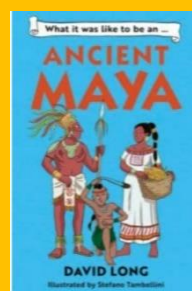
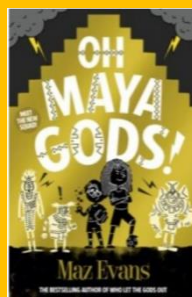


Project Outcome:

**Enterprise! Year 5 will be making and selling
chocolate-based products at the school
summer fair!**



Suggested Reading and Viewing



BBC Bitesize videos

***Remember to read at least 5 days a week
and have your Learning Log signed***

Key Dates

15.04- Cadbury World trip
22/23.04- Parents' Eve
28.04- Brilliant Club trip
29.04- 30 children NTU trip
01.05- Basketball match
04.05- Bank holiday
08.05- Internet Legends assembly
08.05- Basketball match
18.05- National Dental Programme
22.05- Aiming High assemblies
22.05- Last day Summer 1
25-29.05- Half term
01.-6- Back to school
16.06- Arnold Road Church visit in
school
19.06- Mini Police trip TBC
22.06- Assessment week
26.-6- INSET school closed
29.06- INSET school closed
06.07- In Harmony concert
09.07- Taster trip Park Vale
10.07 Mini Police Trip TBC
13.07 Sport week
20.07- Reports out
20.07- Aiming High assemblies
22.07- Talent show
24.07- Last day Summer 2
27.07- INSET school closed
28.07- Summer holidays

Helpful Websites

School Website
TTRockstars
Daily 10

Homework

- Learning Logs will be checked in class every Friday
- Spellings will be set every Friday and tested every Friday.
- Children are expected to regularly access TTRockstars, practising the tables they are working on