

History Knowledge Organiser

Rainforest Realms

Year 5

Our learning

In our history lessons this term we will be learning about the **Ancient Mayans**. We will be considering how their **civilisation developed** over time and the important features of their lives.

We will consider the **similarities and differences** between this and other ancient civilisations.

We will think about the **causes and consequences** of events in this period of time.

Information

The ancient Mayans lived until around 900AD. They were an **advanced** civilisation

They lived in a place called Mesoamerica

The Mayans were **inventors** and developed their own calendar, farming processes and writing system.

Sacrifices were made to keep their gods happy.

Different factors led to the end of the Mayan civilisation.

The Ancient Mayan civilisation began around 2000BC.

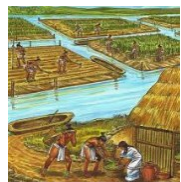
Vocabulary

Mesoamerica - Where Mexico and Central America is today.

Temple pyramid - A place of worship in a Mayan city.

Agriculture - Farming and growing crops.

Sacrifice - An offering to a God.



Mayan calendar

Important Dates

800BC– Groups gathered and settled in Mesoamerica

700BC–Mayan writing is developed

400BC– Earliest calendars carved in stone

300BC– Temple pyramids begin to be built



Temple pyramid

Mayan Gods

