

Ancient Maya Civilisation

Prior Knowledge

Year 3: Study of an ancient civilisation – Ancient Egypt.

Year 2: Explorers including some from parts of America.

Future Knowledge

Year 6: Study of an ancient civilisation – Ancient Greece



What was
 daily life
 like for a
 Mayan?



A Mayan earthenware vase.



My Component Knowledge:

Lesson 1: I can explore where and when the remains of the Mayan civilisation were discovered.

Lesson 2: I can find out about how the Mayan civilisation developed over time.

Lesson 3: I can explain the structure and organisation of the Mayan civilisation.

Lesson 4: I can explain the religion and beliefs of the Mayan civilisation.

Lesson 5: I can explain what everyday life was like for the Mayans.

Lesson 6: I can use the Mayan calendar and number system.

Lesson 7: I know that the Mayan civilisation declined very quickly.

My Composite Knowledge:

I know that ruins of the Mayan civilisation were found in Mesoamerica, in the middle of the rainforest. I can make links between this and my recent geography learning about the rainforests.

My Powerful Knowledge:

I understand that the Mayan civilisation is an ancient civilisation and I can make links between this and other ancient civilisations that I have learnt about such as ancient Egypt.

Key Vocabulary

Tier 1: Mesoamerica, calendar, city, God, king, ancient, astronomy, cacao, house, priest, fight

Tier 2: sacrifice, architecture, abandoned, monument, pyramid

Tier 3: Temple, Pok-tok, Chichen Itza, civilisation, codices, stelae, hieroglyphs

Who first
 discovered
 the Mayan
 ruins?

