

Year 6 autumn 1 topic

Maya Mayhem

During the first half of the autumn, year 6 will be learning about the ancient Maya civilisation of South America.

Children will find out about who the Maya were and their customs, traditions and religious practises. We will ask questions about what life was like for people during this period and learn about the myths and legends that the people shared.

We will look at where the Maya people lived and explore the rich biodiversity of this region. As part of this, we will study the rainforest and its importance.

As well as this, we will look at how the Maya adapted to life in the jungle, farming the land and producing a variety of foods. We might get a chance to try some of the delicious fruits that may have been grown by the Maya.



Vocabulary

civilisation	glyphs	stelae
codices	pyramid	temple
priest	warrior	astronomy
calendar	ocelot	jaguar
cacao	maize	chili
cenote	Yucatan	emergent
canopy	understorey	biodiversity

