



Topic web—Why aren't The Maya as well known as The Egyptians?

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Class 2

This term, we will find out more about The Maya, without whom, we might not have the concept of zero, or, more shockingly... hot chocolate! The Mayan civilization existed for over 3500 years. Longer than the Ancient Egyptian civilization. Yet, very few of us have heard of The Maya. Over the next half term, we will explore their way of life, the amazing structures that they built and the discoveries that they made.

As **mathematicians**, we will be using pictorial and formal methods to become confident in the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

As **readers and writers**, we will be reading and exploring the story, 'Be More Bernard' by Simon Philip. It is a story about being true to yourself told from the viewpoint of a disco dancing bunny. We will also be reading and writing diamante poems.

As **athletes**, we will learn how to play handball. We will practise accurate throwing and catching and consider how to be a fair, respectful sports person.

As **historians**, we will find out all about The Maya Civilization who existed in The Americas from 2000BC to 1697AD.

As **scientists**, Year 2 will learn about animals and their habitats, how they are suited to their surroundings and adapt to thrive there. Year 3 will learn about light. They will understand what a light source is and how it helps us see, as well as exploring how shadows are made.

As **artists**, we will be using a range of different tools and styles to draw. We will use viewfinders to focus our observations and really examine the detail in the subjects that we draw.

As learners of different **faiths**, we will explore the question: 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?'

In **PSHE**, we will focus on safety. How to stay safe, how to help others to stay safe, how to assess risk and hazards to keep us out of danger.

As **musicians**, we will learn how to play different notes on the glockenspiel, including what the written notation looks like.

As **linguists**, we will be learning how to greet each other in French. We will find out how to ask friendly questions to get to know others.