

Rotherhithe Primary School	History Knowledge Organiser	Maya	Year 6																																								
<p align="center">Key words</p>		<p align="center">Timeline</p>																																									
<p>Artefact - An object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest.</p> <p>Calendar - A printed table showing all the days, weeks, and months of the year.</p> <p>Civilisation - Human society which is organised.</p> <p>Dynasty - A series of rulers or leaders who are all from the same family, or a period when a country is ruled by them.</p> <p>Empire - A group of countries ruled by a single person, government, or country.</p> <p>Hieroglyphics - A system of writing using pictures not words.</p> <p>Kingdom - A place ruled by a king, queen or important person</p> <p>Maize – Maize, also known as corn, is a cereal grain prediction - A statement about what you think will happen in the future.</p> <p>Temple - A building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.</p> <p>Tomb - A large stone structure or underground room where someone, especially an important person, is buried.</p> <p>Worship - To have or show a strong feeling of respect and admiration for God or a god.</p>		<p>2000 BC - Farming villages begin to form across the Maya region.</p> <p>1500 BC - The Olmec civilization develops, the Maya will take on much of their culture.</p> <p>1000 BC - The Maya begin to form larger settlements.</p> <p>700 BC - Mayan writing first starts to develop. 600 BC - Large buildings are built in the city of El Mirador.</p> <p>600 BC - The Maya begin to farm. This enables their society to support larger populations and the cities begin to grow in size.</p> <p>600 BC - The settlement at Tikal is formed. This will be one of the major cities in the Maya civilization. It will reach its peak in power during the Classic period.</p> <p>400 BC - The first Mayan calendars are carved into stone.</p> <p>300 BC - The Maya adopt the idea of a monarchy for their government. They are now ruled by kings. 100 BC - The city-state of Teotihuacan is established in the Valley of Mexico. It influences the Maya culture for many years.</p> <p>100 BC - The first pyramids are built.</p> <p>400 AD - The city-state of Teotihuacan becomes the dominant city and rules over the Maya highlands.</p> <p>560 AD - The city-state of Tikal is defeated by an alliance of other city-states.</p> <p>600 AD - The powerful city-state of Teotihuacan declines and is no longer a cultural centre.</p> <p>600 AD - The city-state of Caracol becomes a major force in the land.</p> <p>900 AD - The southern lowland cities collapse and Teotihuacan is abandoned.</p>																																									
<p align="center">Map of where they lived</p>		<p align="center">Mayan number system</p>																																									
 <p>The map shows the Maya region in Central America and Southern Mexico. It is color-coded: Mexico is yellow, Guatemala is pink, and El Salvador is purple. Labels include 'Where did the Maya live?', 'Mexico', 'Guatemala', 'El Salvador', 'Gulf of Mexico', 'Caribbean Sea', and 'Pacific'.</p>		<p align="center">The Mayan Number System</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>0</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>•</td> <td>••</td> <td>•••</td> <td>••••</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—</td> <td>•</td> <td>••</td> <td>•••</td> <td>••••</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—</td> <td>•</td> <td>••</td> <td>•••</td> <td>••••</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—</td> <td>•</td> <td>••</td> <td>•••</td> <td>••••</td> </tr> </table>		0	1	2	3	4		•	••	•••	••••	5	6	7	8	9	—	•	••	•••	••••	10	11	12	13	14	—	•	••	•••	••••	15	16	17	18	19	—	•	••	•••	••••
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