

# History - The Maya

Please help your child with their learning by going through this fact sheet with them. They will be quizzed on this at the end of half term. We appreciate your support.

The Maya Civilisation originated in Mexico before spreading to other parts of Central America.

The Maya civilisation began in around 2600BC.

Maize and avocados were grown by the Mayans

The El Castillo pyramid is found in the ruins of Chichen Itza.

Wooden carved masks are commonly associated with the Maya civilisation.

The Mayans created the calendar by studying Astronomy.

The Mayans painted themselves blue before sacrificing Humans to the Gods in preparation.

Farming was a job occupation that most Mayans had.

Most of the Maya City ruins are located in rainforests.



## WEMBITES

Pok a Tok is a competitive ball sport played by the Mayans.

### Key Vocabulary

- ⇒ **Ahau** - the main king or lord of a Maya city.
- ⇒ **Cacao** - a non-roasted cocoa bean - the Maya often used this for trading/currency.
- ⇒ **Cenote** - a sinkhole filled with water. These were both sources of water and a place for sacrifice.
- ⇒ **Civilisation** - a society of people with its own culture and way of life.
- ⇒ **Stela** - a tall monumental sculpture made from stone and covered in carvings. properly.