

Did you know?

- Maya punishments were brutal. They sacrificed humans to their Gods and supported slavery.
- Maya's bled prisoners for the gods and high-ranking prisoners were sacrificed to the gods.
- Maya ruins tell us the Maya were highly civilised and knew how to irrigate water which helped with farming (settlements were not all near to rivers).
- Maya punishments were brutal. They sacrificed humans to their Gods and supported slavery.
- Maya believed in many gods.
- The movement of the Earth relative to the Sun. The movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. The movement that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies. To explain day and night.
- Did you know that 'ahimsa' is the belief that Hindus should respect all living things and they believe in non-violent protest. This is why many Hindus are vegetarians.

Maya Masquerade

Where do the Maya live?

South America



We are learning about the Ancient Maya Civilisation in history but Maya people still live in South America today.

Mexico's climate depends on the height of the land. The lowlands are hot year-round. Temperatures are milder at the middle heights and cold at the highest peaks. Much of northern Mexico is dry. The southern mountains and the coastal plains get the most rain.



Hybrid Learning

Learn more by combining learning at school with learning at home:

- Read your knowledge organisers. Try to use the vocabulary in context. Research words you do not know the meaning of.
- Create a fact file based on the known Maya locations: Chichén Itzá, El Castillo Pyramid, Majestic Palenque Ruins, Teotihuacan.
- Create an explanation text based on how chocolate is made from plant to chocolate bar.
- Design a Maya mask. Research their purpose and the symbolism of colour.

You will

- Design and make a traditional Maya mask. Will it be a Death Mask or a Battle Mask? Original masks were made of cedar wood but we will use clay.



In R.E., we will be learning about the Four Ashrams, which are the stages in a Hindu's life.

In Science, we are answering the question: How does the movement of the Earth influence our lives?

Playscript

Linked to the story of The Chocolate Tree

Stories

Read Rain Player and write stories based on Maya myths

Explanation

The Four Ashrams

