

# Topic Plan

Year 5 -Spring 2- <b>THE MAYA</b>		
Key Skills	Key Facts	Key Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place the period accurately on a timeline</li> <li>Describe what the time period was like</li> <li>Relate to previous or other known periods of time</li> <li>Know about the difference between BC (BCE) and AD (CE)</li> <li>Know that evidence tells the story of an artefact or place</li> <li>Use evidence to explain the past and place within the studied culture</li> <li>Think critically with evidence</li> <li>Look at cause and effect of historical events</li> <li>Ask questions and use what you know to answer them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mayan civilisation was well established by 1000 BCE and lasted until 1697 CE.</li> <li>The Maya lived in a place called Mesoamerica which was made of Mexico and parts of Central America.</li> <li>Maya developed their own calendars, farming methods, writing systems, sports and religion.</li> <li>Mayans had a writing system where they used hieroglyphics.</li> <li>Mayans worshiped many Gods including Chaac – The God of Rain &amp; Storms</li> <li>Maya believed that being cross-eyed was very attractive.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Population</b> – the number of people in a particular place</p> <p><b>Famine</b> – an extreme shortage of food</p> <p><b>Descendant</b> – an ancestor or relative from the past</p> <p><b>Native</b> – a local inhabitant</p> <p><b>Codex</b> – an ancient manuscript in book form</p> <p><b>Sacrifice</b> – something or someone offered or surrendered</p> <p><b>Astronomy</b> – the scientific study of stars, planets, other celestial objects and the universe</p> <p><b>Warrior</b> – an experienced soldier</p> <p><b>Polytheistic</b> – related to the worship of many gods</p> <p><b>Declining</b> – becoming less or weaker</p> <p><b>Citizen</b> – a legally recognised person of a country, state or city</p>
Key Figures/Places	Reading and Writing Links	
<p><b>Mayan Gods</b> – Itzanma, Ah Puch, Akan, Huracan, Camazotz</p> <p><b>Mayan Cities</b> – El Mirador, Tikal, Teotihuacan, Caracol, Chichen Itza</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Chronological Report</li> <li>Narrative</li> </ol> 	