

# Year 5 – Mexico and Mayans – Knowledge Organiser

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books		
Monarchy	A state that has a monarch		<b>Sticky Knowledge about the Mexicans and Mayans</b>		
Endemic	Native and restricted to a certain place				
Rituals	A religious or solemn ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order				
Beliefs	An acceptance that something exists				
Culture	The ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people and society				
Myths	A traditional story involving supernatural beings or events				
Sacrifice	The act of surrendering a possession, as an offering to a deity	<input type="checkbox"/> The Maya is a Mesoamerican civilization, noted for Maya script, the only known fully developed writing system of the pre-Columbian Americas, as well as for its art, architecture, and mathematical and astronomical systems.	<b>Important</b>		
Mexico City	The capital and largest city of Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> The Ancient Maya developed the science of astronomy, calendar systems and hieroglyphic writing.			
Civilization	The stage of human social and cultural development and organisation that is considered most advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexico is a country in North America and it borders: the USA, Guatemala and Belize.	The Day of the Dead (Spanish: Día de los Muertos) is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and helping support their spiritual journey.		
Maya	A Mesoamerican civilization	<input type="checkbox"/> The Mayans had a class society. Upper class – nobles and priests. The middle class – craftsmen, warriors and traders. Lower class – farmers, workers, slaves and peasants.	The Mayans built pyramids for religious purposes: to make sacrifices to the gods, or in honour of the gods.		
Glyph	A hieroglyphic character or symbol	<input type="checkbox"/> The reason why the Mayans disappeared is a mystery. The three main arguments are: overpopulation, endemic warfare and drought			
Skilled	The ability to do something well				

