

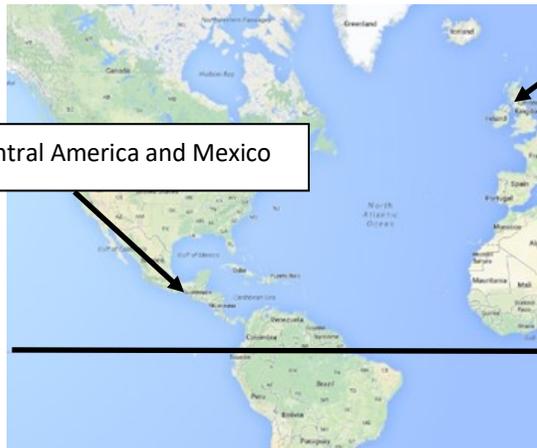
Year 4 – Autumn term – ‘The Lost City’ Knowledge Organiser



Mayan timeline

- 1100 BC – The first hunter gathers settle on the pacific coast.
- 800 BC – Village farming and trade become established.
- 700 BC – Mayan writing is developed in Meosamerica.
- 400 BC – Earliest solar calendars are invented.
- 300 BC – The social structure adapts to include Kings.
- 100 BC – The first pyramids are built.
- 450 AD – Tikal dominates the tropical lowland of central regions.
- 638 AD – Pakal the Great of Palenque dies.
- 800 AD – Sites in the rainforest are abandoned.
- 1502 AD – First contact with Europeans made

Key Vocabulary	
Pyramid	A large 4 sided structure that meets at a point. Mayans left the top flat, so they could build their temples to the gods there.
Mexico	A Central American country at the heart of the Mayan civilisation.
Panama Canal	An artificial canal that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans together.
Itzamna	The Mayan God that was believed to be the creator of the Earth. Also known as the God of fire.
Tocuaro	A small Mexican town near Lake Patzcuaro.
Mexico City	The capital city of Mexico.
Ahau	The main king or lord in any Maya city-state.
Guacamole	An avocado-based Mexican dip dating back to Aztec times.
Dia de los Muertos	A Mexican festival which translates in English to ‘The Day of the Dead’
Chichen Itza	One of the Mayan’s most powerful states.

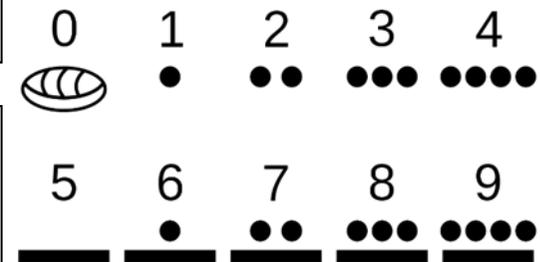


United Kingdom

Central America and Mexico

Mexico is nearer to the equator than the United Kingdom, which is why the temperature only varies between about 18°C and 25°C throughout the year.

Mayan Numerals



Sticks = 5
Stones = 1
Shells = 0



Chocolate starts its journey as a Cacao (coco) bean from Mexico.

The Mayans introduced us to the solar calendar.

