

**Prior knowledge**

This topic builds on work completed in previous years. We have previously learnt about different ancient civilisations such as Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece. This topic builds on this knowledge to find out about another Ancient civilisation.

| When?           |                                                       |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 2000BCE – 300CE | Preclassic Period                                     |  |
| 300CE - 900CE   | Classic Period                                        |  |
| 900CE - 1500CE  | Post-Classic Period                                   |  |
| 1500CE          | Spanish Invasion                                      |  |
| 1839            | American archaeologists discover ancient mayan cities |  |
| 2014            | 2 new cities discovered in Mexico                     |  |



| Who?                 |                                                                                       |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Pakal the Great      | Powerful ruler of Palenque for 70 years – his Mayan name was K'inich Janaab Pakal     |  |
| Lady Yohl Ik'nal     | Predecessor of Pakal the Great – ruled for 20 year with all the power of a male ruler |  |
| John Lloyd Stephens  | American archaeologist who discovered ancient Mayan cities in 1837                    |  |
| Frederick Catherwood | American archaeologist who discovered ancient Mayan cities in 1837                    |  |
| Itzamna              | King of the Mayan gods and they believed him to be the creator of the Earth.          |  |

| What?         |                                                                       |  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Archaeologist | A person who discovers artefacts from the past to study their history |  |
| Aztecs        | Another ancient civilisation from Central America                     |  |
| Cacao         | A small tropical tree the Mayans used to make chocolate from          |  |
| Codex         | A book written by the Mayans created using 1 long sheet of paper.     |  |
| Hieroglyph    | Picture or symbol that means a word creating ancient languages        |  |
| Pyramid       | Mayan pyramids had flat tops with their temples built on top.         |  |
| Quetzal       | Sacred bird                                                           |  |
| Sacrifice     | To give up something of value for the sake of something else          |  |
| Temple        | Sacred building devoted to worship found at the top of the pyramids   |  |
| Xibalba       | Dark underworld that was ruled by the god of death.                   |  |

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