

**Bill Quay Primary School: Knowledge Organiser**

**Year 5**

**Unit: The Mayans**

**What I should already know:**

- The key events in British history up until 1066.
- The human and physical features of South America.
- What life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain

**By the end of this unit, I will know:**

- How Mayan life compared to that of Anglo-Saxon life.
- Why Mayan cities thrived.
- The location of the Mayan civilisation in time and place.
- How Mayan life compared to that of Anglo-Saxon life.
- The layout and characteristic features of a Mayan city.
- The Maya worshipped more than one god.



**Vocabulary**

Archaeology	The study of things that people made, used or left behind.
Architecture	The design of buildings.
Climate	The general weather conditions typical of a place.
Culture	The food, language, clothing, music and art of a society.
Deforestation	The clearing or cutting down of forests.
Deities	Gods
Drought	When it hasn't rained for a long time.
Erosion	The process of the land been worn away by the weather, water or ice.
Famine	When there is no food.
Fertile	Rich in nutrients
Hierarchy	
Indigenous	The first people who lived in that region.
Merchant	A person who buys and sells goods
Mesoamerica	Central America.
Plaza	A public square in a city or town.
Polytheists	People who worship more than one god.
Society	A group of people with common traditions.
Trade	To buy and sell goods.

