

Key questions:

How did the ancient Maya settle in a rainforest?
How important was chocolate for the ancient Maya?
What did the ancient Maya believe?
How did the Maya reflect world beliefs in their inventions?
What do remains tell us about ancient Maya cities?
What caused the decline of the ancient Maya city states?



Key vocabulary:

achievement civilisation ancient Mesoamerica
settlement cacao society trade creation
gods/goddesses archive/ archivist invention
categorise city state ruins decline
archaeological remains deforestation evaluate

Science Vocabulary

Solid liquid gas melting heating freezing
condensation evaporation water vapour
steam cooling water cycle oxygen carbon dioxide
wood rock metal rubber

How did the
achievements of
the ancient Maya
impact their society
and beyond?

Learning events:

- Making rainforest cookies

Cross-curricular links:

Maths: number (decimals), measurement (money, time)

Science: states of matter

English: newspaper report, creative writing

Geography: Location of Mesoamerica (central America)

History: The Maya Civilisation

DT: Rainforest products

ICT: E safety, repetition in shapes