

YEAR 3/4  
SPRING

HISTORY

THE ANCIENT MAYANS

### WHAT SHOULD I ALREADY KNOW?

- How to place events on a timeline.
- Different countries have different cultures.
- The Ancient Greeks left a legacy on today's world.

### CONCEPT



### WHAT WILL I LEARN

In a tropical rainforest they successfully created farmland and grew crops which they could then trade.	Mayan cities had a range of monumental architecture including temples, stepped pyramids and palaces.
The Ancient Maya drank chocolate with nearly every meal regardless of their wealth or power.	They made a complex calendar system which helped them to know how to plant and harvest.
The Ancient Maya lived in an area known as Mesoamerica and lived between 2000 BCE to 1500 CE (AD).	The Maya diet was mostly maize, squash and beans.
The Maya believed in many gods and goddesses. They thought that the gods/goddesses had a good side and a bad side and that they could help or hurt them.	The Maya developed an advanced number system for their time. They were one of only two cultures in the world to develop the concept of zero as a placeholder.

### TIER THREE VOCABULARY

Astronomical systems	Recording the movement of suns, moons and planets through observations. The Mayans used this information to help make decisions in their everyday life.
Pyramids	A pyramid is a large structure with four triangular sides that usually slope upward and meet at a point.
Agriculture	Agriculture is a synonym for farming which is the process of growing crops or raising animals.

