

LKS2 Global Gardens Knowledge Organiser

Term 5 and 6

Key Enquiry Question: How did the Mayan Civilisation impact early American Civilisation?

National Curriculum Objectives:

Focus:

- Causes and consequences - identify and give reasons for, results of, historical events, situations and changes
- Non-European society that contrasts with British History. one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300.

Skills:

- Develop the appropriate use of historical terms
- Regularly answer and sometimes ask historically valid questions



Key vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Civilisation	The stage of human social and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced.
Abandoned	Deserted or left.
Glyphs	Symbols used in the Mayan writing system. Each symbol represents a word or sound.
Codices	Books created by the Mayans. They were made of soft bark and folded like a fan.
Cacao	Seeds that the Maya used to make chocolate
Kukulcan	The serpent God of the Maya. One of the primary gods, especially to the Itza peoples of Chichen Itza.

Sticky knowledge:

The Mayans were expert mathematicians and astronomers.

They developed the calendar system.

The temples were used for ceremonies and to communicate with the Gods.

They originated in Central America.