

Stanley Road Primary School		The Mayan Civilisation		Year 5	
VOCABULARY DOZEN		TIMELINE		SOCIETY	
Maya	The American-Indian people of Central America.	The Preclassic period (1800 BC to 250 AD)	Great growth for the Maya. Small villages evolved into cities. Hierarchy began to emerge.	Noble	People who belonged to a high social class.
civilisation	A human society with its own social organisation and culture.			Priest	A person with duties and responsibilities in a place where people worship.
settlement	A place where people have come to live and have built homes.	Classic Period (250 - 1000 AD)	Maya culture flourished. City states began to take over smaller neighbouring cities.	Merchant	A person who buys or sells goods in large quantities.
crops	Plants that are grown in large quantities for food.	Post Classic Maya (1000 AD onwards)	City of Chichen Itza became very powerful with strong economy and military powers.	Artisans	A person whose job requires skill with their hands.
ritual	A religious ceremony with actions in a particular order.	Spanish Arrive (1500s)	Ships with Spanish explorers arrive. Brought diseases with them which killed many Mayans.	Farmer	A person who owns or manages a farm.
sacrifice	To kill an animal or person in a special religious ceremony as a gift to a god.	Hernan Cortes (1519)	A Spanish explorer. Conquered the Mayans and began to remove Mayan culture.	Craftspeople	People who make things skilfully with their hands.
labourer	A person doing unskilled work for wages.	TRADE		Servant	Someone who is employed to work at another person's home.
hierarchy	A system in which members of an organisation or society are ranked in an order.	Trade	Buying and selling goods.	Slave	A person who is the property of another person and has to work for that person.
society	A community of people living in a particular country or region	Exchange	The giving of one thing and receiving another	BUILDINGS	
monarchy	The royal family of a country.	ITEMS TRADED <u>Food</u> : corn, fish, squash, potatoes, honey, beans, turkey, fruits and chocolate drinks. <u>Materials</u> : limestone, marble, jade, wood, copper and gold <u>Goods</u> : paper books, furniture, jewellery, clothing, toys and weapons.		Temple	A building used for the worship of a god or gods
descendant	A person who is related to you and lives after you such as your child or grandchild.			Plaza	An open square in a city
astronomy	The study of space, the objects in space and the universe			Aqueducts	A long bridge with many arches, which carries a water supply.

