



Welcome to your Discovery Box

Here you will find an array of exciting activities and fun facts to prepare you for your next Unit of Study.

Within this box you will find:

- A Knowledge Organiser
- Fun facts and information
- Craft Activities
- Puzzles and Games
- Significant People & Places cards/stickers

We hope you find these activities engaging and entertaining but most of all that they make you **curious** to learn more.

Build your own Ancient Maya temple

Using the materials provided within this pack, can you make your own Ancient Maya temple?

Materials Provided:

- Nets of temple
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils



Instructions:

1. Find your two shape nets in this pack
2. Colour them in
3. Cut them both out — make sure you don't cut off the parts that you need to fold!
4. Fold carefully along the dotted lines
5. Stick the flaps down using glue
6. Glue your two nets together to complete your temple!
7. If you have card or paper at home, try making a larger model!



Fun Facts about the Ancient Maya

The Ancient Maya lived in Central America more than 1000 years ago. Here are some facts about this amazing civilization:

- The Ancient Maya had their own system of writing. They were the only civilization in the Americas to do this.
- They had a way of writing the number zero. Only two cultures in the world had a way of representing this.
- Ancient Maya cities were built in the rainforests — a really difficult and dangerous place to live.
- The Ancient Maya built some of the biggest pyramids in the world.
- They did not use wheels for anything. To move things around they would carry loads on their backs.
- Ancient Maya people tracked the movements of the sun, moon, stars and planets. They were fascinated with the sky.
- They played a game called 'pok-a'tok' in huge ball courts. This game used a rubber ball which they had to hit with their hips, elbows or knees — not their hands or feet.
- The Ancient Maya told the time using three different calendars.
- They were excellent beekeepers who raised stingless bees for their honey.
- They are said to have invented chocolate.
- The Maya people did not disappear. They are still living today.





Can you solve this word search?

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CALENDAR

CENTRALAMERICA

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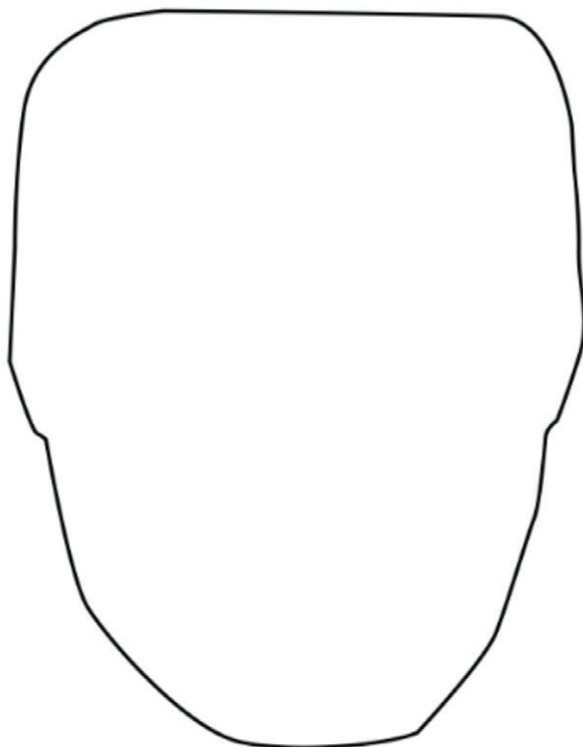
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WORSHIP

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The Ancient Maya wore masks for many different reasons. These included: to bury the dead; to wear at special events; to wear in battle.

Can you design and colour your own mask?



Research!

There are still Maya people living today. What can you find out about them?



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The Ancient Maya loved to drink hot chocolate — they saw it as a gift from the gods and would drink it on special and important occasions.

Their hot chocolate was frothy, chocolatey, sweet and a little bit spicy!

Maya Hot Chocolate

Time: 15 mins

Easy

Ingredients (to make one cup):

3 tablespoons cocoa powder

250ml milk

1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon

Pinch of chilli powder

Honey to sweeten

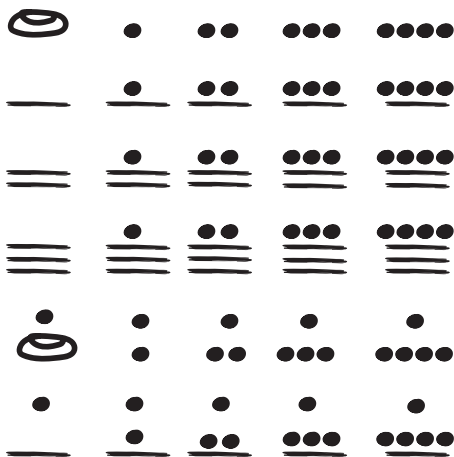


Method:

1. Mix your cocoa powder, cinnamon and chilli powder in a jug. (If you don't like spicy food then don't use too much chilli!)
2. Heat the milk in a pan — in the microwave or on the stove.
3. Pour the milk into the jug with the chocolate and spices.
4. Whisk together.
5. Pour into a mug and serve.
6. If you want to sweeten your hot chocolate then add a little honey.
7. If you want to make your hot chocolate even more authentic then pour it back and forth between two mugs to make it frothy. It will be hot so ask an adult to help you!

The Maya number system

Use the number system to write your age, date of birth and to also write some maths questions which you can then solve.



Maya Ball Game

The Maya played a ball game called Pok-a-Tok. What can you find out about the game? Can you write instructions to help someone else play?



Descriptive Writing

This is an image of the Maya temple known as Chichen Itza.
Write a descriptive paragraph about the temple.



FOLD

