

# Mayan Civilisation

## PRESENTATION 'DEN' Exploring the Rainforest

### THE VISIT/VISITOR Zoo Trip Focusing on South America and the Rainforest

**Possible Activities**

**Additive Reasoning**  
Investigating measure addition and subtraction and presenting findings on graphs

**Number Sense**  
Draw a timetable for a child living in Mexico City comparing times with time in the UK.  
Compare and present the weather in Mexico City to the weather in Exeter.  
Show the colour of marties in a box as fractions, decimals and percentages

**Multiplicative reasoning**  
use Knowledge of x, + and fractions to solve problems

**Geometric Reasoning**  
Use knowledge of shape and coordinates to plot unknown shapes

**Possible Activities**

**Fiction Narrative writing**  
The Vanishing Rainforest  
The Great Kapok

**Non Chronological Report**  
Mayan Civilisation  
Animals in the Rainforest

**Balanced Argument**  
Conservation/zoos  
Maya - savage or civilized?

**Poetry**  
The Tiger by William Blake  
Imagery and description

**Possible Activities**

Map work locating continents, countries and seas  
Who were the Mayan People?  
When did the Mayans live?  
What type of writing did they do?  
What did they farm and eat?  
How do their homes compare with ours?  
What were Mayan buildings?  
Why did the civilisation collapse?  
Investigate using books internet, video, building models, writing and pictures.

Identify uses of Electricity  
Construct circuits Inc. buzzers and switches  
Using circuit diagrams  
Testing conductors and insulators  
Desian models which include a circuit.

**Mathematical Development**  
(Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy)  
Explore Numeracy skills through investigation in the classroom and in the outside environment.

**Communication, Language and Literacy**  
(Speaking and listening, reading, writing, MFL)  
'Talk for Writing' activities  
Guided Reading  
Speaking and Listening during 'DEN' and Circle Time

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World**  
(Geography, History, Science)  
Places and Locations  
Mayan Civilisation  
Electricity

**Physical Development**  
(PE, Growth and Health)  
Gymnastics  
Dance

**Possible Activities**

Roll travel and balance  
Sequencing movement  
Capoeira Dance

**Creative Development**  
(Art, D&T, Music, Dance, Role Play)  
Music Express- Growth and Change  
Art-painting, drawing, collage, 3D  
DT -Toy Design

**Possible Activities**

Art- Portrait painting of family members when younger, toys collage, make pinch pot heads using clay  
Music- Listen to and join in with songs that have changes in dynamics (loud and quiet), put actions to songs, select and use percussion instruments playing them alongside a familiar song.  
Desian a lever or wind-up toy

**Possible Activities**

Investigating signs and symbols and designing own  
Looking at metaphors to describe God in the Bible and explaining their meaning.  
Explore and handle Christian artefacts and think about meaning  
Expressing beliefs through art  
Explore how arts are used in religion  
Beliefs of Mayan Civilisation  
PSHE - Life Skills Van

**Understanding of Faith Belief and Cultures**  
How and why do people express beliefs in different ways?  
**Collective Worship**  
Thankfulness and Compassion

**ICT Activities**

ICT pictures – Rousseau  
Web pages hyperlinks / PowerPoints  
Non Chronological Reports