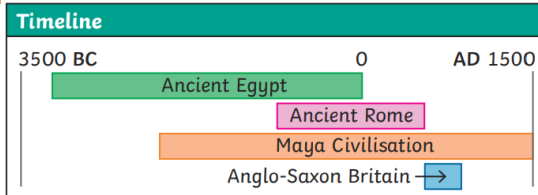
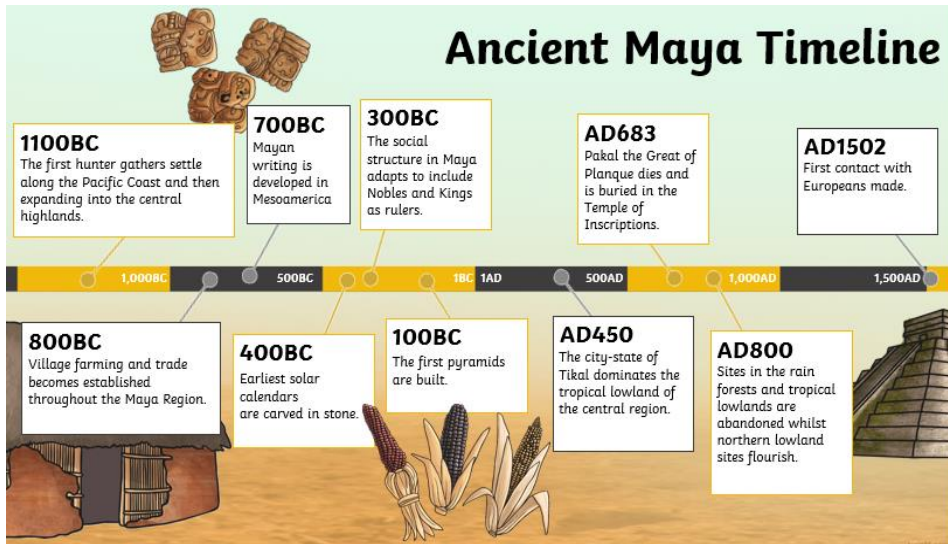




What will I be learning?

Ancient Maya Timeline



Who are the Mayans?

The Maya civilisation began long ago in a place called 'Mesoamerica'. This huge area is made up of Mexico and part of Central America.

The Mayas built amazing cities like **Tikal** (which they called 'Yax Mutal') and **Palenque**. Even though they lived in different cities, ruled by different kings and queens, the Mayas shared a lot of common beliefs and traditions.

They were experts at reading the stars and even built their cities as a map of the sky! They were also inspired by the creatures of the forest and shared many legends about animals, plants and nature spirits.



Key Vocabulary:

Timeline	A collection of dates in chronological order that visually show developments over time.
Civilisation	A stage in human history that is considered as being advanced. E.g. Mayans.
Archaeology	Study of history through the recovery of historical artefacts – usually through digging.
Sources	Evidence or historians opinions of the time period.

Enquiry Questions:

- Who were the Mayans?
- What was Mayan art like? Is it similar to modern art?
- Why did the Mayan civilisation end?
- Who was more advanced – the Mayans or the Saxons?

At home, why not try ...

- Create your own timeline which includes the Mayan civilisation and Stone Age Britain. What do you notice?
- Try making your own Mayan mask: you can create the mask from scratch or use this [template](#).
- Watch these videos on Mayan life:



How to Look Great Maya | History of Early Civilisations | BBC Teach



Introducing the Maya civilisation | History - Lost Lands