



Year 6 Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half / Summer 1<sup>st</sup> half  
What if the Maya never existed?

Week	NC objectives	Big question	REMEMBER (prior knowledge)	KNOW (new knowledge)
1	A non-European society that provides a contrast with British history ~ Mayan civilisation.	When and where did the Maya live?	The 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. Timeline of other ancient civilisations (Stone Age, Ancient Egypt, Roman period, Ancient Greece).	The Maya lived in Mesoamerica (now known as Central America). 300BC: first Maya cities started to form. Know the location of some Maya cities. Where the Maya fit into time periods studied previously.
2		How do we know about the Maya?	Different sources of evidence that historians use to draw conclusions. Howard Carter and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. What prehistoric sites tell us about prehistoric times. Staffordshire Hoard tells us about the Anglo Saxons.	John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood are credited with the rediscovery of the Maya civilisation. Know what they discovered and why it was important.
3		How was Maya civilisation organised?	Organisation of other ancient civilisations (how Ancient Egypt was ruled; city states in Ancient Greece; the Anglo-Saxon class system).	City states which had their own king. Society was structured in a pyramid with high and low ranks. Know the roles of different members of society (King, Nobles and Priests, Palace Officials, Craftsmen, Farmers, Labourers, Slaves).
4		What were the Maya's greatest achievements? The number system.	Achievements of other ancient civilisations (Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece).	Know how the Maya number system works. Developed the concept of zero and used it as a place holder. Know the symbols for 0, 1 and 5.

5		<p>What were the Maya's greatest achievements? The writing system.</p>	<p>Achievements of other ancient civilisation (Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, Ancient Greece).</p>	<p>Codices were written by professional scribes. Codices were written about astronomy, gods, war and history. Only 3 genuine codices remain. Syllabograms represent sounds. Logograms represent whole words.</p>
6		<p>What were the Maya's greatest achievements? Chocolate.</p>	<p>Achievements of other ancient civilisation (Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece).</p>	<p>Chocolate was an important part of Maya life and was readily available to all. Chocolate drinks were used in celebrations and when finalising important transactions. How cacao beans were used in different areas of life and death.</p>