The Magnificent Mayans!

For the next three weeks we would like you to complete a project on the Mayans. This could be completed in the workbooks that you have been completing the previous work in or you could make a scrap book (similar to what you may complete over the summer holidays) or you could use a computer. This project includes your English writing and all other subjects. This is an opportunity to be as creative as you like but you must ensure you complete one piece of written work daily. Below are some points you can include (as you did with your Victorian book). When you are doing your research, you might find a topic or an activity you want to include in your workbook that isn’t mentioned below which is also okay.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/twinkl-homework-help-the-maya-civilisation> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw> are good websites to have a browse and to complete some research.

1. Introduction: Who were the Mayans? Establish a chronological context of the Maya.
2. Mayan achievements: What were their achievements? [About the Maya](http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-mayans) from theschoolrun.com
3. Mayan invasion: [The Spanish invasion of the Maya lands](http://inneroptics.net/mayan_kingdom_book/decline/) from inneroptics.net
[The Spanish conquest of the Maya and the collapse of Maya civilisation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxwxTgFVUDE) from nichbelize.org
[About the Norman invasion of Britain](https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/normans/) from bbc.co.uk
4. Mayans and football: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-introducing-the-maya-civilisation/znk3cqt>
5. Where was the Mayan civilisation?

[Maps of Maya area showing height data, modern country borders and ancient sites](http://mayagis.smv.org/maps_of_the_maya_area.htm) from mayagis.smv.org
[The environment of the Maya lands](https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-americas/maya) from history.com
[Plants and animals of the Yucatan peninsula](http://www.backyardnature.net/yucatan/) from backyardnature.net

1. To learn about childhood in Mayan society, create a comic strip of life as a Mayan child. [Life as a Maya child](http://mayas.mrdonn.org/children.html) from mayas.mrdonn.org
2. Create a piece of Mayan art [Rare murals giving glimpse into everyday life of the Maya](http://www.livescience.com/7958-maya-murals-give-rare-view-everyday-life.html) from livescience.com
3. The importance of music in the Mayan culture and its relationship to religion [Music of the Maya](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36Ul4dprTXg) - YouTube clip
[Information about Maya music and instruments](http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/maya/teachers/ancient-maya-music) from mexicolore.co.uk
[Information on the Maya music for children](http://www.mayankids.com/mmkpeople/mkmusic.htm) from mayankids.com
[A Mayua musician playing traditional instruments](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWjOaZFXo3s) -YouTube clip
4. Create a Mayan food guide, try cooking some of these! [Detailed information about Maya food](http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/top-10/maya-foods/) from travel.nationalgeographic.com
[About Maya food for children](http://www.mayankids.com/mmkpeople/foods.htm) from mayankids.com
[The importance of Maya food on world cuisine](http://www.sfgate.com/mexico/mexicomix/article/10-Maya-foods-that-changed-the-world-s-eating-2477935.php) from sfgate.com
5. Mayans and chocolate: Try out a traditional recipe to make Maya hot chocolate. Find out what chocolate was used for – not just drinking, but also in sauces for food and as a currency.

[All about chocolate](http://www.thestoryofchocolate.com/) from thestoryofchocolate.com
[Early history of cacao](https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-americas/history-of-chocolate) from history.com
[The cacao tree and how the beans are processed into chocolate](https://youtu.be/fiMjr3Rwdjs) - YouTube clip

1. General life as Mayan : [Useful website for research on clothing](https://ancientmayalife.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/clothing-of-ancient-maya.html) from ancientmayalife.blogspot.co.uk
[Information on Maya clothing](http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/maya/teachers/what-did-the-ancient-maya-wear) from mexicolore.co.uk
[Modern Maya hairstyles](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7Wnqs8PoKk) -YouTube clip
[Making paper feathers](https://thinkcrafts.com/blog/2013/07/18/making-paper-feathers/) from thinkcrafts.com
2. To learn that the Maya people are still in existence and understand something of their modern culture.
3. To make Maya foods for the celebration, play instruments and dress up in headdresses.

[Modern Maya struggling to cope in the modern world](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17051131) from bbc.co.uk
[The Maya today](http://www.historymuseum.ca/cmc/exhibitions/civil/maya/mmc08eng.shtml) from historymuseum.ca
[Maya artists and textile workers talking about their craft and how Fairtrade has helped them](http://www.mayanhands.org/) from mayanhands.org
[Information about the Maya, including 3d reconstructions of the different Maya temples and pyramids](http://www.maya-3d.com/) from maya-3d.com
[Modern Maya](http://maya.nmai.si.edu/the-maya/maya-people) from maya.nmai.si.edu
[Mystic music of the Maya](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWjOaZFXo3s) – YouTube clip