

Curriculum Driver:
Discovery, Success and Inspiration

Our visit:
Restaurant Visit

We will find about life as a Hindu.

History Year 5

Key Visuals



Central America



Slash and burn technique



Settlement



Core Knowledge

- Ancient Maya lived in southern Mexico and Central America for over 3000 years.
- They had city-states with their own rulers and surrounded by smaller towns.
- The Maya were advanced, with their own language (Mayan) and a unique way of writing (glyphs).
- They were good at numbers and made their own calendar.
- Farming was crucial; they used 'slash-and-burn' to clear land but had to move after two years.
- The Maya civilization eventually declined due to various reasons like too many people and environmental problems
- The civilisation lasted from 1100BC - 1697AD.

Vocabulary

Civilisation - when many people live together, build cities and have rules.	Mesoamerica - the area that the Mayans lived.	Settlement - where people lived.
Bias - being unfair about a topic	Evidence - facts that tell you if something is true.	Interpretation - to explain the meaning
Accuracy - very true	Conclusion - a short sentence telling the main ideas about something.	Consequences - when something happens because of something else.
Overpopulation - too many people in a place.	Deforestation - cutting down trees	Solar calendar - a calendar that uses the sun.

Quiz

- 1) What is an ancient civilisation?
- 2) When did the Mayan era end?
- 3) How did the Mayans farm?
- 4) Where did the Mayans live?