



Cycle B Spring Term Year 5 /6 Geography Knowledge Organiser.

Key Vocabulary

maize	Another word for sweetcorn or corn on the cob. It can be made into a dough and baked into tortillas.
drought	A long period of time with little or no rain.
hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator.
Equator	The equator is a circle of latitude that divides Earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres.
Tropics of Cancer	The Northern Tropic, is the Earth's northernmost circle of latitude where the sun can be seen directly overhead.
Tropics of Capricorn	The Southern Tropic, is the Earth's southern latitude where the sun can be seen directly overhead.

The ancient Maya civilisation existed in Central America, in an area that today includes Mexico (Yucatan Peninsula), Guatemala, Belize and parts of Honduras and El Salvador.

The Maya built cities, pyramids and ornate sculptures in the rainforest.

The Maya built many cities in the middle of rainforests.

The Maya lived in an area known as Mesoamerica, which is a term used to describe Mexico and other parts of Central America before they were invaded by Spain in the 1500s.

The Maya developed new farming methods which helped them to grow different crops effectively. Along with maize, they grew and ate fruit and vegetables such as beans, squashes, avocados, chilli peppers and tomatoes. The Maya also hunted for food too. Some of the creatures they would hunt for included deer, ducks and fish.

Main Learning

How did the geography of Central America affect the Maya people over time? **Fairtrade,**



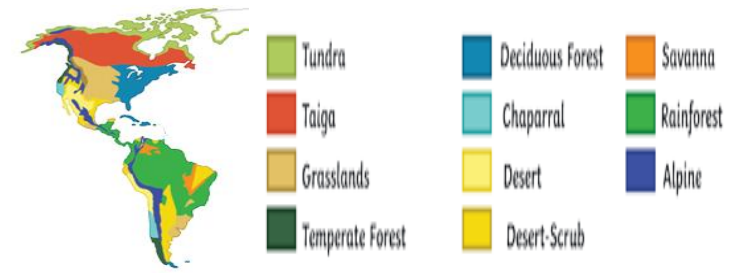
The Maya are an ancient civilisation. Some of their settlements date back to c. 1800 BC. Between AD 200 and AD 900, their way of life was very advanced for the time.



(Sticky) Knowledge & Skills that I need to remember

- I can identify Central America.
- I can locate Central America on a world map and its position in relation to the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, Equator, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and surrounding oceans.
- I can identify the location of Mayan settlements.
- I can explain why the Maya people chose their settlements.
- I can identify Mayan civilisations on a map and what climate zones and biomes they lie in.
- I can research farming techniques and link to Fairtrade.


Map of Central America





Geography Quiz 2

Name

	Question	A	B	C
1	What is the climate in Central America?	Tropical	Polar	Arid
2	What is the biome in Central America?	Alpine	Rainforest	Desert
3	What countries include the ancient Maya civilisation?	Argentina, Guatemala, Belize and parts of Honduras and El Salvador.	Peru, Guatemala, Belize and parts of Honduras and El Salvador.	Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and parts of Honduras and El Salvador.
4	Where did The Maya build their cities?	In Grasslands	In the Rainforest	In the Desert
5	What does this symbol represent? 	CAFOD	FAIRTRADE	CHILDREN IN NEED
	Out of 10 how much have you enjoyed your learning	1-4	5-8	9-10

Total

Prior knowledge	%	1 st Attempt	%	2 nd attempt	%	3 rd Attempt	%
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