



## Beech Hill Topic Must Knows

### Year 5 - Mysterious Maya (History Focus)

#### Key Facts/Skills

- The Maya people lived in the area that is now known as Central America including part of Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.
- The Maya people worshipped many gods and had different religious rituals including sacrifice.
- Chocolate was used as currency.
- To know that primary sources of information were from that period of time e.g. photos, maps, drawings, diaries.
- To know that secondary sources of information were created after the period of time e.g. text books
- To know that the Maya people had a hierarchy within their society.
- To know that the Mayan Civilisation began around 2000BC to 1500AD
- To recognise other civilisations that were happening at the same time as the Maya
- To know BC- Before Christ BCE- Before Common Era AD- Anno Domini (In the year of our Lord)

#### Key Vocabulary

Sacrifice  
Civilisation  
Currency  
Worship

Hierarchy  
Reliability  
Primary sources  
Secondary sources

Artefacts  
Chronology  
Decade  
Century