Pilgrim Federation Curriculum Coverage Ideas and Resources for the Learning Theme:



Art & Design	Computing
Look at art from these areas. Create art from ideas.	The ancient Maya were also fascinated by mathematics and observations of
	the natural world, calculating the positions of the stars and planets. Although
Stone/wood carving designs – could do screen printing here instead of carving	the Maya did not have digital technology, the precise calculations they
or use clay and balsa wood.	undertook are precursors to today's world of scientific computing.
Look at scripture from these areas.	The Maya, however, mostly used base 20 for their calendrical
	computations—probably derived in prehistory from the number of fingers
Link to maths – tessellating shapes.	plus toes.
Mayan masks and clay animal gods/ figures.	Internet research
Mayan Art is substantially influenced by Olmec, Teltec and Teotihuacan	Repetitive patterns (link to Mayan art)
people. It is characterised by stone sculptures, architecture, ceramics,	
woodcarving and wall painting, which are some of its most celebrated forms.	Look at technology being developed in Silicon Valley.
Although only a few woodcarvings have survived, archaeologists believe that	Look at how technology has developed.
woodcarvings were very popular pieces of art for the Maya.	Google
	Microsoft
The Maya painted murals on the walls of their buildings including their houses, temples, and public buildings.	The Computer History museum
	Computer
https://www.ducksters.com/history/maya/art.php	Programming
	Scratch
https://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/mayas/hd_mayas.htm	https://code.org/
To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing,	
painting and sculpture with a range of materials [e.g. pencil, charcoal, paint,	
clay, beads, materials]	
Mark Rothko (1903–1970), painter	
Andy Warhol (1928–1987), painter, filmmaker, printmaker	

Yoko Ono (born 1933), installation artist, sculptor, filmmaker

Design & Technology	Geography
Jewellery, masks, clothing linked to all three areas (or just pick one!)	Compare and contrast the geography South America (Yucatán/ Guatemala /
	Belize) to existing knowledge of the world (can compare with knowledge of
The Mayans were masters in the construction of large stone structures such	UU and expand to Europe)
as pyramids and temples. Most of these structures were built without the	
help of modern technology and still stand today. The Mayans were also	Name geographically significant information such as Continents, Countries
experts in the construction of irrigation systems and aqueducts to supply water to their cities.	within The Americas.
	Rivers, mountain ranges, seas and oceans etc.
Design and build their own Mayan temple. How could they [The Mayans]	
build these without our modern tech?	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/year/zmyxxyc
https://www.chichenitza.com/	
	Food chains
Make a wooden pipe to play music in the style of the Maya.	
	Inheritance – traits that are passed down from parent to offspring.
Aerophones have been found in locations such as Tabasco, Campeche, and	
Jaina.	Extinction events of plants and animals e.g. the Maya rapidly dying out due to famine/ disease.
Clay whistles were found in Jaina from burial sites. These whistles have	
mouthpieces in quadrangular, rectangular, ellipsoidal and conical shapes.	Spreading of disease link to PSHE and how disease is spread.
Several whistles are shaped like human faces, and some are shaped like	http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/tvradio/programmes/jaguar/
animals representing Mayan deities.	
	Climate change. Significant weather events such as hurricanes, monsoons,
Mayan Food Tech- Cocoa, Maize - chocolate, taco, tortilla. Taste testing – which chocolate is the best?	droughts.
	Also, could make link to ocean currents and how they affect weather systems.
Visit to a chocolate factory (Cadbury World in Birmingham?)	
	North America
The Maya were gifted designers and architects who built grand structures	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsw4kty/articles/zq2ybqt
including royal residences, galactic observatories, sanctuary pyramids, straight	
roads, and canals. The Maya also invented an elastic material a long time before the process of vulcanization, or rubber-making was discovered.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsw4kty/articles/z72f3j6
	South America

Evidence shows that the Mayans created tools for hunting and war. They developed spears, stone axes, bow and arrows, blowguns, javelins, nets, and south-america-f4d0 slings to hunt game and to protect the Mayans interests. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsw4kty/articles/zyykwnb https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsw4kty/articles/zp9sydm **GUATEMALA** http://www.factmonster.com/country/guatemala.html Cenote is a naturally formed pit or sinkhole made of limestone and some were used as a source of fresh water for Mayans with their entire towns built around them. +13. The 400ft pit in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico, is believed to be an ancient sacrificial Mayan site filled with animal and human bones

Where is Florida?

The Galapagos

link to the Diversity topic)

https://teachers.thenational.academy/units/building-locational-knowledge-

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3fycdm/articles/zdgfydm

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/23fycdm/articles/z3jsf82 (this can also

History	Music
Compare non-European societies (The Maya) that provides contrasts with British history.	See also Charanga Schemes of work
http://www.ducksters.com/history/maya/maya_civilization_timeline.php	Compare, contrast music from South America to other areas.
http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-mayans	
https://www.chichenitza.com/	Look at instruments that are native to those countries.
https://maya.nmai.si.edu/glossary https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/03/maya-ritual-balamku-	Sing/play some traditional songs from these countries.
cave-stuns-archaeologists/	Sing/play some traditional songs from these countries.
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/02/20/ancient-mayan-bones-	Mayan Music:
uncovered-mexico-worlds-largest-underwater/	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cA0TC_Lznd4&safe=active
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw/year/z63tt39	http://www.mayankids.com/mmkpeople/mkmusic.htm
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw/year/zhgppg8	https://www.mexicolore.co.uk/maya/teachers/ancient-maya-music
Extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 – (Christopher Columbus).	Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions.
Gold rush.	Country and Western music
Advances in Technology – creation of silicon valley.	Blues
Civil rights movement.	Jazz
Rosa Parks	
Martin Luther King	Bluegrass
Development of equal rights. United Nations	Development of Popular 'Pop' music.
Officed (vacions	Development of Fopular Fop music.
https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/channels/channel/d0e3e8b8-	
d897-4450-9bd9-51d826be4d0d?embed=false&embed_origin=false The	
Maya – Discovery Espresso	

Physical Education	Science
See also RealPE Schemes of work.	Environmental Science – weather and climate for these areas of the world.
While Maya children were often expected to help with daily work, they did do fun activities as well. Maya children were taught dances, such as the snake and monkey dances, and they also played music and were taught a Maya ball	Look at flora and fauna native to these countries – link to evolution and inheritance.
game called pok-ta-pok.	Link to animal and plant adaptations to their environment e.g. desert vs. rainforest
Ancient game of Pok-o-Tok	
Competitive games, modified where appropriate [for example, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rounders and tennis].	El Niño is a climate cycle in the Pacific Ocean with a global impact on weather patterns. The cycle begins when warm water in the western tropical Pacific Ocean shifts eastward along the equator toward the coast of South America.
Apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending (American sports & traditions e.g. baseball, American Football)	Mayans – Chocolate Reversible and Irreversible changes. Changing State.
Drama:	If doing aerophones and whistles in DT link to the Sound topic: Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.
https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/the-beginning-of-the-world-crtk4r?from query=the+maya	Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.
	Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.
	Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.
	Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.
	Look also at famous Scientist from America:
	Albert Einstein

Alexander Graham Bell
Dian Fossey
Alice Augusta Ball
Marie Maynard Daly
J Robert Oppenheimer
George Washington —Carver
Kalpana Chawla
Alfred Kinsey
Stephen Jay Gould
Thomas Edison
Linus Pauling
Richard Feynman
Carl Sagan

Modern Foreign Languages	Other Ideas
Learn some basic Arabic (Kurdish), South American (could use Spanish here)	
and an African language.	
Basic greetings	
Are there any words from these civilisations that they recognise?	
Mayans	
http://www.native-languages.org/fammay_words.htm	
English	Maths
https://www.booksfortopics.com/ancient-civilizations	Measure and scale (when using maps)
https://www.booksfortopics.com/maya	
https://www.booksfortopics.com/world-civilizations	Number system and counting - The Mayan numeral system is no longer
	widely used by the Maya people today. Like most modern cultures, the Maya
The Maya had the most sophisticated and developed writing system in the	people use the Hindu-Arabic numeral system today. Like Roman numerals,
pre-Columbian Americas. It was a logographic script, meaning that individual	the Maya numeral system is cumbersome when trying to calculate large
glyphs represented words or concepts. The Maya also used a complex system	quantities.
of numerals and a sophisticated calendar system.	
Property of	The Mayan culture used a base 20 number system. It was an additive
Fiction:	positional system that used two symbols, a dot for one, a horizontal bar for
Rain Player by David Wisniewski Picturebook	five, and a cowry shell for a place holder (it is unclear whether they also considered it a true numeric "zero").
Oh Maya Gods! By Maz Evans chapter book Me and Mister P: Maya's Storm By Maria Farrer & Daniel Rieley Chapter Book	https://courses.lumenlearning.com/waymakermath4libarts/chapter/the-
The Curse of the Maya by Johnny Pearce & Andy Loneragan Chapter book	
Middleworld (Jaguar Stones) by J&P Voelkel Chapter book	mayan-numeral-system/
Go! Go! Chichico! By Geraldine McCaughrean & Tom Percival Chapter book	
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell Chapter book	Calendars and time – The Maya Calendar Explained
My Name is River by Emma Rea Chapter book	https://www.mayaarchaeologist.co.uk/public-resources/maya-world/maya-
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson Chapter book	calendar-system
The Good Thieves	- Calcinual System

Katherine Rundell Chapter book

<u>Kidnap on the California Comet</u> by M. G. Leonard & Sam Sedgman & Elisa Paganelli Chapter book

The Accidental President by Tom McLaughlin Chapter book

Little Bird Lands by Karen McCombie Chapter book

<u>Trouble in New York</u> by Sylvia Bishop Chapter book

Front Desk by Kelly Yang & Maike Plenzke Chapter book

Holes by Louis Sachar Chapter book

The Crow's Tale by Naomi Howarth Picturebook

Snow White in New York by Fiona French Picturebook

Non-Fiction:

The History detective Investigates: Mayan Civilisation by Clare Hibbert A Question of History: Why were Mayan games so deadly? And other

questions about the Maya by Tim Cooke

History in Infographics: The Maya by Jon Richards

Daily Life in the Maya Civilization by Nick Hunter

DKfindout! Maya, Incas, and Aztecs by DK

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& Sally Wern Comport Picturebook

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Where On Earth?: South America by Shallini Vallepur

<u>Info Buzz: Argentina</u> by Izzi Howell

Brazil: The Land and the People by Susie Brooks

<u>Continents Uncovered: South America</u> by Rob Colson & Josy Bloggs

Cities Of The World: South America Liz Gogerly, Rob Hunt & Victor Beuren

Amazon River by Sangma Francis Romolo D'Hipolito

Harriet Tubman by Isabel Sanchez Vegara & Pili Aguado Picturebook

Kamala Harris (Little People, Big Dreams) by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara &

Lauren Semmer Picturebook

Using their knowledge of astronomy and mathematics, the ancient Maya developed one of the most accurate calendar systems in human history. The Maya developed calendars to keep track of celestial movements, as well as the passage of time.

The Wolves of Currumpaw by William Grill	
50 Adventures in the 50 States by Kate Siber Lydia Hill	
The 50 States by Gabrielle Balkan & Sol Linero	
Abraham Lincoln by Jonathan Weil & John Aggs	
National parks of the USA by Kate Siber & Chris Turnham	
Yellowstone by Catherine Ard & Bianca Austria	
National Monuments of the USA by Cameron Walker & Chris Turnham	
Poetry:	
The Song of Hiawatha by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	
Song:	
Drama:	
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