## Fynamore School Knowledge Organiser



Topic: Marvellous Mayans!

## Key Vocabulary:

monument	a statue, building, or other structure to								
	commemorate a notable person or event								
temple	a building devoted to the worship of a god or gods								
jungle	an area of land overgrown with dense forest and								
	tangled vegetation, typically in the tropics								
pyramid	a monumental structure with a square or triangular								
	base and sloping sides that meet in a point at the								
	top								
codex	an ancient manuscript text in book form								
cacao beans	seeds from a small tropical American evergreen								
	tree, from which cocoa, cocoa butter, and								
	chocolate are made								
calendar	a chart or series of pages showing the days,								
	weeks, and months of a particular year, or giving								
	particular seasonal information								
astronomy	the branch of science which deals with celestial								
	objects, space, and the physical universe as a								
	whole								
lowlands	low-lying country								
highlands	an area of high or mountainous land								
glyphs	a hieroglyphic character or symbol used for								
	writing								
warrior	a brave or experienced soldier or fighter								

## Key Knowledge:

- The Ancient Maya began around 2000BC and its civilisation was at its peak around 300BC.
- The Ancient Mayans lived in the area of Central America and part of Mexico.
- They lived in organised cities with lots of amenities and had an established political system.
- They developed a writing system with over 800 glyphs.
- They also invented calendars to keep track of time and developed a number and counting system.
- They valued intelligence and learning.
- They studied and charted stars and planets.
- They skilfully farmed the land.
- They built impressive temples/pyramids, palaces, monuments and cities.
- The Ancient Mayans were clever, deeply religious people who developed a complex, thriving civilisation.

## Key Knowledge:

Stone Age	Bronze Age	Ancient	Maya	Iron Age	Ancient	Ancient	Anglo	Vikings	Tudors	Victorians	WW1	WW2	Moon
		Egypt	Civilisation		Rome	Greece	Saxons						Landing
15000 BC-	3000 BC-	3100 BC-30	2000 BC-	800 BC-	800 BC	776 BC -	AD 410 -	AD 793 -	AD 1485-	AD 1837 -	AD 1914-	AD 1939-	AD 1969
3000 BC	800 BC	BC	AD 1697	AD 43	AD 476	146 BC	AD 1066	AD 1066	AD 1603	AD 1901	AD 1918	AD 1945	



Do you remember ...?

King Alfred the Great became king in 871 and died in 899. He was considered a strong, fair ruler, who defended Wessex from the Vikings. Along with this, Alfred introduced various social and political reforms.

The Viking raid on Lindisfarne, off the Northumbrian coast, took place on 8th June 793AD.