

**Hook:**

Eat Mexican food—sweet potato, avocado chilli.



# Hola Mexico!

## Focus: History/computing



**Knowledge:**

- Where is Mexico?
- What are the key physical features of modern day Mexico and Mayan Mexico?
- Who are the Mayans? When were the Mayans?
- Who are the Mayan gods? What were they the god of?
- What rituals did the Mayans have?
- What are the three periods of Mayan history? When were they?
- What is the Mayan calendar? What does it mean?
- What are the Mayan glyphs?
- What was life like for rich/poor people? How was it different?
- What could we use to present our learning?
- Which is the most effective and why?
- What is the climate like in Mexico?
- Name the different types of biomes in Mexico.

**Learning Journey:**

Locating Mexico—recap hemisphere equator etc. Locate key physical and human features including Chihuahuan desert and the different biomes. Re-search daily life in Mexico.

Find Mayan cities on a map and key Mayan land marks.

**Learning Journey:**

Contextualise the Mayans with other periods of history on a timeline to see overlaps. Look at the three periods of Mayan timeline to briefly compare.

**Learning Journey:**

Gods—research the different Mayan gods and rituals that took place..  
Research the Mayan calendar what it meant.  
Look at Mayan glyphs and compare with ancient Egyptian glyphs.

**Learning Journey:**

Day to day life—research what life was like for rich and poor people in the Mayan civilization.

**Vocabulary:**

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| Mexico   | Sacrifice  |
| Mayan    | Calendar   |
| Ritual   | Biome      |
| Gods     | Ecosystem  |
| Glyphs   | Desert     |
| Monument | Rainforest |
| Priest   | Mountains  |

Characteristic foci:  
Creativity / Articulacy

**Skills:**

- Use ICT safely to research,
- Use ICT skills taught to create a presentation, selecting an appropriate presentation format and explain why.
- Apply their understanding of computing to programme, monitor and control their products.
- Use previous knowledge to draw comparisons.
- Use a map to locate key physical and human places.
- Be inquisitive about the topic and apply skills to find the answer.
- Be respectful about other peoples' beliefs.

**Curriculum Coverage:**

a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history - one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Mayan civilization  
physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes

Apply their understanding of computing to programme, monitor and control their products.

**Learning Journey:**

Spend a week- two weeks to create presentation using computing to show comparisons between different historical periods taught.

Trip / Visitor:

**Display Plan:**

Present their learning from comparisons

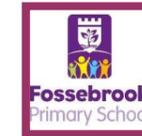
**Outcome:**

Comparisons between historical periods that they have learnt at primary school. Give choices on how to present their work (video, greenscreen, powerpoint.etc.) using ICT.



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## Focus: History and Computing



### What do they already know?

Year 2

- What is a program?
- What is coding?
- How can you be safe online?
- How do I turn on an iPad?
- How do I find an app on an iPad?
- Who is Sir David - Attenborough?
- What is he known for?
- What has he contributed to the world?
- What does he want to happen to our world?
- What is a tower?
- What is a tunnel?
- What is a turret?
- Why did people live in castles?
- What is a castle?
- What are the different features of a castle?

Year 3

- What is an algorithm?
- What is debugging?
- What is programming?
- When were these time periods?
- What do the terms 'stone age', 'bronze age' and 'iron age' mean?
- What tools did people use and develop throughout each time period?
- How did lifestyles change and develop through each time period?
- How did the imagery / artefacts that have been found by archaeologists develop and why?
- Where is Greece?
- When was 'Ancient' Greece?
- Who are the Greek Gods?

### Year 4

- What is an algorithm?
- What is debugging?
- What is programming?
- What is a sequence?
- What are variables?
- What is a sprite?
- What is coding?
- Who was Julius Caesar?
- What was the Roman Empire?
- Who was Emperor Hadrian?
- What was Hadrian's wall?
- What was the romanisation of Britain?
- What was the British Resistance?
- What happened when the Roman's withdrew from Britain?
- What was Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots?
- What happened when the Scots invaded North Britain?
- Who were the Vikings?
- Who were the Anglo Saxons?
- What was the struggle for the Kingdom of Britain?
- Who was Edward the Confessor and when did he die?
- What were the Vikings raids and invasions?
- What was the resistance by Alfred the Great?
- What were the Anglo-Saxon laws and justice?

Year 5

- How did different people in ancient Egypt live? E.g. slaves, pharaohs
- What was the mummification process?
- What organs were removed?
- What Canopic jars did they go in to?
- Who were the Egyptian gods? What were they the god of?
- What is a pharaoh?
- How were the pharaohs buried? How did this change? Why?
- Who discovered Tutankhamun? What happened to the people who discovered his tomb?
- Who were the Tudor monarchs?
- When was the Tudor period in history?
- What religion were the Tudors?
- Why was religion so important?
- What is treason?
- What would happen if you were accused of treason?
- Who were Henry VIII's wives?
- Why did he get married so many times?
- Who were his children?
- How long did he reign for?
- Year 6
- Who are some significant people who have effected technology? What did they do?
- How are networks used in everyday life?
- How do we use technology to communicate and collaborate?

### How will they remember it?

Mini Quizzes

Recaps at the start of lessons

Podcast of learning

Memorable experiences

KABOOM!

Display learning line

Use of curriculum map in book

### Which resources will I need?

Laptops

Headphones

Maps and atlases

### What do I need to know to be able to teach this?

- Mayan glyphs
- Mayan civilization—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>
- Mayan rituals
- Mexican Biomes