



Guatemala

Would we like to visit Guatemala?

Our main focus in this topic is *Geography*. We recap our continents knowledge, in order to locate Guatemala and understand where it is in relation to other countries, including the UK. We learn about volcanoes and earthquakes, which both affect the country. Our art will be topic based too. We talk a little bit about the history of Guatemala and the Maya people.

In maths, we are learning written methods for multiplication - the grid method and the column method. We will also be recapping skills learnt previously.

In English, we will be focussed on developing our story writing by starting at sentence level work and building up to an independent write.

<u>Key Vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Central America	A region found in the southern tip of North America.
Maya Civilisation	A Mesoamerican civilisation.
Mesoamerica	A historical region in which the Maya lived, spanning over North America.
Volcano	A mountain/hill with a crater or vent through which lava/rock fragments and hot gas have been erupted from the earth's crust.
Earthquake	A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing destruction.
Equator	A line notionally drawn on the earth, which is an equal distance from the poles, dividing the north and south.

Key Places in Guatemala

Tikal National Park

Tikal National Park is an ancient Maya site in the rainforests of northern Guatemala.

Lake Atitlan

Lake Atitlan is a body of water in a massive volcanic crater in Guatemala.



A map of the countries that make up Central America and where Guatemala is located.

TIMELINE

1,100 BC

The first 'Mayan' settlements begin to appear in Mesoamerica along the Pacific coast.



800BC

Instead of foraging, maize farming begins and trade between villages begins.



700BC

Mayan writing begins to develop through the form of hieroglyphs.



100BC – 450AD

Maya constructs its first pyramids and developing cities, prompting the rapid rise of Tikal in the tropical lowlands.



638AD

Pakal the Great (King of Palenque) dies. His death mask made of jade is created.



800AD – 1,502AD

Mayan civilization begins to decline and vanish. The Mayan ruins are found by a Spanish expedition lead by Francisco Hernández de Córdoba.

