



# Objectives Section 2

## History at Key Stage 2

### Ancient Maya: The Maya Civilisation Section 2: Why was farming important to the Maya and what did they eat?

Lesson Objectives	Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To learn about the Maya environment and agriculture.</li><li>• To find out about Maya food and diet.</li><li>• To know how the Maya hunted certain food.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children will be able to suggest solutions to Maya farming problems.</li><li>• Children will be able to recognise some foods that are not in their diet.</li><li>• Children will understand the difference between gathered and hunted food.</li></ul>

#### Additional notes:

One of the most difficult challenges the Maya faced was how to grow enough food to feed their growing population. Farming was not easy in the regions where they lived. Their land included dense forests, little surface water (such as lakes or streams), and poor soil. The Maya responded to this challenge by developing different agricultural techniques for the various environments in which they lived. Some of the food grown and the animals hunted will not be familiar to the children. Children could research and present their findings to the rest of the class on different Maya food and animals.

