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Introduction to the Maya

- Lived in Mesoamerica which is made up of Mexico and part of central America
- They build amazing cities like Tikal and Palenque
- The cities were ruled by different kings and queens
- They were experts at reading the stars. Their cities were shaped like the sky

Why was farming important to the Maya?

- Grew lots of crops in fields
 - maize
 - beans
 - squash
 - chili
- important because they traded leftovers to the market
- 3 types of farming
 - raised fields
 - slash and burn
 - terraces

What did the Maya believe?

- They believed in many gods.
- Sometimes they did human sacrifices.
- They believed that the Earth was a giant turtle floating in an endless ocean. The turtle was held up by 4 mighty gods called Bacabs.
- When you die you go to Xibalba which is a shadowy underworld that has 9 levels.

What is left of the Ancient Maya?

- Their spectacular buildings which were made of Jade.
- They left beautiful objects made from rare and expensive materials.
- Without the Maya we would not have the number zero.
- They created calendars which were complex and accurate.

What games did the Maya play?

- Played ball games called Pitz and Pok-a-Tok.
- Always 2 teams of 2-6 players.
- Balls can only be hit with hips, knees or right elbow.
- The ball must not hit the ground. You want the other team to drop the ball.
- The ball games represented the battles between gods.

Fun facts!

- They had a god called Chac.
- They had a ceremony called blood letting - they offered their blood to feed the gods.
- The priest wore masks to scare the demons away.