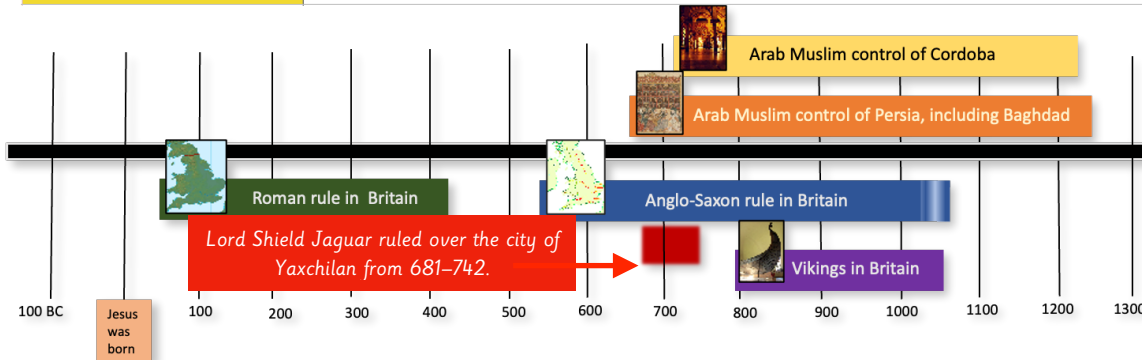




## Year 6 The Maya

### Key vocabulary

bloodletting	Ritual cutting to offer blood to gods.
dynasty	A ruling family over several generations
acceeds	Takes on a role or agrees to something.
aligned	Positioned in a straight or purposeful way.
Mayan	Ancient Mesoamerican people with advanced culture.
b'alam	Mayan word meaning "jaguar," often sacred.
Mesoamerica	Region of ancient civilizations like the Maya.
flagstone	Flat stone used for paving surfaces.
adorning	Decorating or adding beauty to something.
Plaza	Open public square in a city or site.
delicacy	A rare and special food item.
Godliest	Most divine or spiritually powerful.
primordial	Ancient or existing from the beginning.
Long count	Mayan calendar system tracking long time spans.
Shaman	A mayan priest, spiritual healer or guide.



## Bloodletting in the year 709



Bloodletting was a ritual act of cutting or piercing the skin to offer blood to the gods. It was believed that blood carried spiritual power and was a vital offering to maintain balance in the world.



B'alam is the Maya word for Jaguar. This is the Mayan symbol for B'alam.



The city of Yaxchilan was ruled by the Shield Jaguar in the 7th and 8th Century



A Mayan plaza.



A Mayan ballcourt.



Maize and cacao were an important crop for mayans.

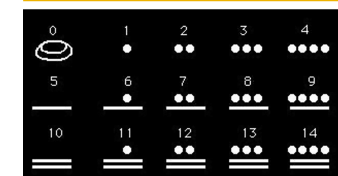


A Mayan temple-pyramid



The Myan Ruler Pakal

The Mayan Calendar



The Maya used dots and bars to count and even invented the concept of zero.

The Maya calendar tracked time using cycles like the Long Count to mark