

Culture

The ancient Maya civilisation had two different types of calendars. A religious calendar called the Tzolk'in and a solar calendar called the Haab'. The Haab' had 18 months of 20 days, with the 19th month consisting of 5 days which were thought to be 'unlucky'.

The Tzolk'in calendar was a 260-day calendar. This calendar had a cycle of 20 days and a cycle of 13 days, each of which had a name and an icon.

Every 52 years these two calendars would coincide and was called the New Fire Ceremony. Celebrations on this day included allowing household fires to burn out and old clay utensils to be thrown away. This festival was of great importance to the Maya and considered as a time of renewal and new beginnings.



Key Vocabulary

Mixed-media

A piece of art work consisting of different materials and media.

Relief Print

A print that is created by carving into a printing block that is then used to press onto paper and make a print. The lines or shapes carved into the printing block will not have ink on them, so will not show up on the paper.

Abstract

This art form uses colour, lines and shape to express an artists feelings. It often has no recognisable features.

Shapie



Foam board



Printing inks & rollers



Skills

I can continue to gain experience in combining prints with other media to produce singular images or patterns

I can choose inks and overlay colours.

I can work in a sustained and independent way from observation, experience and imagination.

I can investigate shading techniques such as hatching, cross hatching and stippling.

I can develop key elements of my work (line, tone, pattern, texture, colour, shape).