

ANCIENT MAYA

Fact Cards

**The ancient
Maya believed that
the world was created
in 3114BC.**

**The Maya believed
in sacrificing animals
and humans to please
their gods.**

**It took the
Spanish Army 170
years to take over the
Maya civilisation.**

Pakal, one of the Maya's longest rulers, took over when he was only 12 years old.

Tikal was the largest city and had a population of about 100,000 people.

**The Maya still live
in Mesoamerica today
and they still live in
the same way.**

**The Maya civilisation
spanned from 3000BC
to 1697AD.**

After 900AD, the Maya population started to mysteriously drop.

Temple IV, in Tikal Guatemala, was the tallest Maya pyramid at 70m tall.

The Maya used 4 different calendars, including one with 365 days like ours.

The Maya lived in Mesoamerica, which included these countries: Guatemala, Mexico, Belize, Honduras and El Salvador.