

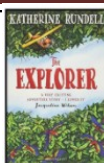


# YEAR 5 CURRICULUM INFORMATION



## English

**Narrative Writing:** We will write a story inspired by the jungles of South America and based on 'The Explorer' By Katherine Rundell.



**Biography:** Based on the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book series, children will be writing a biography about an inspirational person of their choice.

**Grammar:** the year 5 grammar skills we will be learning include:

- Modal verbs and relative clauses
- Brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis.
- Using expanded noun phrases to describe settings and characters.
- Use of adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause.
- Use of dialogue
- Use of devices to build cohesion within a paragraph.

*Please discuss these grammatical features with your children when they are reading and encourage them to check their writing for common mistakes.*

## Maths

**Factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers:** children will find factors and multiples of positive whole numbers, including common factors and common multiples, and express a given number as a product of 2 or 3 factors including with volume.

**Multiplying whole numbers and fractions:** Children will learn to multiply a whole number by a fraction and that this can result in a smaller number.

**Finding equivalent fractions and simplifying:** Children will develop their understanding of fractions by using their knowledge of common factors to find equivalent fractions and using multiplication and division to simplify.

**Linking fractions decimals and percentages:** Children will develop their understanding of equivalent fractions and decimals and apply this to find equivalent percentages.

*Please practise your times tables as much as possible to secure these skills.*



## Our topic this half term is: Marvellous Maya

We will learn about the beliefs, arts and culture of this Mesoamerican civilisation. Developing our knowledge of chronology, we will discover how this civilisation changed over time, looking at similarities and differences with other civilisations and the modern world.



### Some brilliant books to read:

- *The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale* by Linda Lowery
- *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry
- *The Hero Twins: Against the Lords of Death (A Mayan Myth)* by Dan Jolley and David Witt
- *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell

### Useful Websites

- [KS2 History: Introducing the Maya civilisation - BBC Teach](#)
- [The Maya | TheSchoolRun](#)
- [Maya World - Maya Archaeologist - Dr Diane Davies](#)
- [Maya - Kids | Britannica Kids | Homework Help](#)

**Important dates.** Please see the 'Dates for your Diary' section on our school website: [Hillcross Primary - Calendar](#)



### I love this topic! What else could I do?

- **DT:** Design your own piece of Maya clothing for a key event in the life of a Maya person.
- **History:** Use one of the websites above to learn more about the Maya civilisation. Choose a way to present the information e.g. a song or rap, a PowerPoint or slides presentation, a quiz or reading comprehension.
- **Science (chemistry):** Design and complete an experiment to test which materials are reversible and which are irreversible when cooled. Present your information in any way you wish.
- **Art:** Use line and tone to create a sketch of a Mayan building.
- **RE:** Explain what faith means to you and your family. How do you show you follow a faith? Create a fact file about your faith and what it means to you.