

# Year 5

## News



## Flourish at Hatfeild



## Welcome to the Summer Term

Welcome back everyone! It has been wonderful to see the children, and hear all about their adventures over the Easter break.

As the weather continues to be hotter, please ensure your child has a water bottle and has applied sun cream each day.

This term, we will be completing two topics; we will kick off the summer term by looking at the Ancient Maya and then move on to Rainforests in Summer 2.

## Upcoming Events

- 23/04/26 - Imago - Class photos
- 24/04/26 - Whole school mini marathon
- 04/05/26 - Bank Holiday
- 05/05/26 - Book Fair Week
- 15/05/26 - Year 2 Trip + Seedling to West Wittering
- 19/05/26 - Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
- **25/05/26 - 29/05/26 - Half Term**
- 12/06/26 - Open afternoon 2pm onwards
- 20/06/26 - Hatfeild Summer Fair
- 03/07/26 - Zoolab Workshop
- **17/07/26 - Last day of school: 1:30pm finish**
- **03/09/26 - First day of Autumn term**

## Donations

- As part of our Ancient Maya topic we will be making hot chocolates in school. Any donations of long life milk, and natural sweeteners like honey and agave would be greatly appreciated.
- As part of our Rainforest topic we will be making rainforest butterflies. Donations of felt would be very helpful.
- We are hoping to look after tadpoles in class this term, if you have a fishtank going spare please could you pass it our way.
- Please keep an eye on the Amazon Wishlist, as we will be regularly updating this with much needed items.



## School Trips

Whilst we have only one trip left this term, we are having Zoolab come into school to run a workshop on animals of the rainforest. There is a payment for this experience, which needs to be made on ParentPay.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your continued support with school trips throughout this year. These experiences would not be possible without a sufficient number of volunteers to accompany and support our pupils. We are extremely grateful for the assistance provided by volunteers from across the school community. Educational visits play a vital role in enriching our curriculum and bringing learning to life in meaningful and engaging ways.

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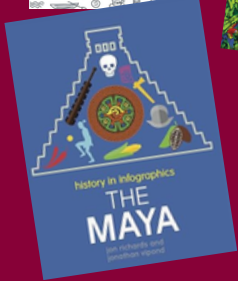
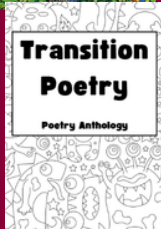
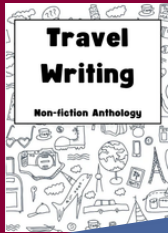


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### English

This half term we are working on travelogues, and writing our very own destination pieces for Central America, incorporating our learning on the Ancient Maya in Topic. We will then move on to argument writing, and covering "What caused the downfall of the Ancient Maya?"

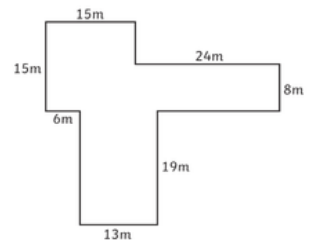
Next term we are basing our writing around the book "The Explorer" by Katherine Rundell. We will be producing an opening chapter of an adventure story set in a jungle; the children will be recapping ambitious vocabulary choices, uses devices for effect and varying sentence lengths to add excitement. We will finish the year looking at a range of transition poetry, including 'The Malfeasance.' The children will be using these as inspiration for their own structured poems.



### Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be completing our work on decimals, and percentages.

Later in the term, we will be moving on to shapes, and looking at area and perimeter, position, direction and measurement.



### Topic

Children will be studying animals, including humans, in the first half term in Science. In PSHER lessons, we will be focussing on the physical, and emotional, changes the body goes through during puberty. Before moving on to personal identity, and keeping safe in my environment.

Next half term we will be focusing on the Amazon River and rainforests. Children will be comparing tropical and temperate rainforests, and looking at interdependence within the Amazon. We will be making cross curricular links to our 'Living Things and their Habitats' unit in Science.

In Music, the children will be completing a Motown unit titled 'Dancing in the Street'.

Finally, in Art we will focussing on architecture and creating mixed media pieces based on Frank Gehry, Zaha Hadid, and Friedensreich Hundertwasserour. In DT we will be making healthy hot chocolates based on an Ancient Mayan recipe, before moving on to felt Rainforest butterflies in DT in Summer 2.

