

Year 5 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 2016

Our topic for this half term is 'America'. For the first half term we will focus on the [Mayans](#). For the second half term we will be focusing on the human and physical geography of [America](#).

English:

We will be writing *Mystery short stories*. We will study how writers build suspense in their writing and use these stories to inspire our own. We will be learning about the features and style of non-Chronological Reports to enable us to write reports about the Maya. We will be learning about *Classic Fiction* by studying extracts from books like the *Hobbit*, the *Jungle Book* and *Huckleberry Finn*. We will also look at some of the *Classic Poems* of Lewis Carroll and Hilaire Belloc.

Computing

We will continue our learning about how programs work by designing, writing and debugging code. We will use digital devices and the internet safely across the curriculum.

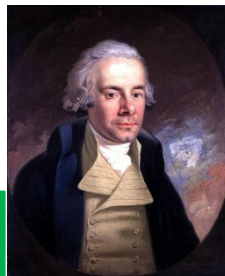
Visits, community links and events:

[Wilberforce House](#)

11/2/16 – Year 5 family assembly
3/3/16 – World Book Day
WB 14/3/16 – Big Maths Week
17/3/16 – Deadline for Egg decorating competition
21 & 22/3/16 – Parents' evening
24/3/16 – Easter Service at Holy Trinity, 2pm.

Maths:

This is an outline of some of the concepts we will be working on:
Written methods for multiplication and division
Rounding whole numbers and decimals
Equivalent fractions and finding fractions of amounts
Measuring angles with a protractor.
Four quadrant co-ordinates and line graphs
Area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes, e.g. L shapes.



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Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural and RE

[Maya myths, gods and religion](#)
Lent and Easter
Chinese New Year
Holi

History:

Timeline	Cities, temples and palaces
Numbers and calendars	Myths and religion
Pottery, stonework and weaving	The Frontier
Farming	Wilberforce and links to local history
Writing	

Geography:

[Central America and Mayan sites](#)
[Maya farming including chocolate](#)
[Settlements](#)
[The Water Cycle](#)
[Tectonic plates, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes \(The Andes, Mount St Helens, Hawaii and San Francisco\)](#)

Art/Design and Technology:

[Maya murals, pottery, clothing and weaving.](#)
[Maya recipes - cooking](#)
[Landscapes](#)

Music:

[Mayan music and instruments. Write a song about the Mayans.](#)
[Hollywood – music composition \(soundtracks and film scores\).](#)