

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FIVE



Wow, what a busy start to the Summer Term Year 5 have had! All children have continued to 'Think Big' and show all of the school values in everything they do.

After the Easter break, we launched our new topic - Ancient Maya - with a workshop from Portals to the Past. The children were treated to a day of learning about this amazing ancient civilisation through workshops, games and quizzes. The day ended with the classes competing in a Maya sports event, based on throwing skills, and all the children brought their competitive spirit to the game. We used all of the knowledge we have learnt from this day, as well as our history lessons, to prepare and perform our class assembly. The Mayan song will be forever stuck in our minds!



In maths, the children have begun their fractions topic, where they have learned different concepts such as adding and subtracting fractions, finding equivalent fractions and converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. For these lessons, the children have represented numbers in a variety of ways including bar models, part-part-whole models and using abstract methods.



We combined our history and maths skills into a DT project where we made scones for Mr Lording and our families. The children learnt new vocabulary such as rubbing in, knead, dough and glaze. Mr Lording believes they are the best scones he has ever tasted. We hope you enjoyed them too.



Cycling has been a real highlight to the term and we have developed our skills of team work and cycling one handed with increasing control. We were amazed at how difficult it can be to cycle sloooowwwwwlllllyyyyy!

Inspired by Maya tales and our class text 'The Explorer', the children have become budding journalists, writing their own newspaper reports about the Mayan myth 'The Hero Twins'. Furthermore, they have learnt about the explorer Percy Fawcett and written a biography about his life's work. It seemed appropriate, as he turned 100 this year, to also write a biography on another great explorer - David Attenborough. See how many facts Year 5 can tell you about this inspirational man!



It has been a pleasure to watch Elder and Rowan class continue to develop wonderful learning behaviours over the year. Sadly, Summer 2 is our last half term with the children but we cannot wait to make the most of the rest of the year with them before their final year at Mile Oak begins.



... The Year 5 Team