



## Year 5 Summer Term

# TOPIC TITLE: Swallows & Amazons



A topic to run alongside our Wednesday morning sailing lessons, based on the famous children's book from 1930 by author Arthur Ransome. The children will learn about sailing and outdoor education and use these skills and experiences, alongside a class reading of *Swallows and Amazons* to produce imaginative pieces of writing. Linked to the theme of discovery of far off lands, they will learn about the Mayan Civilisation, and South America in comparison to Cornwall.

**Topic Launch:** To launch our topic we will begin reading the novel *Swallows and Amazons* and take part in our first sailing lesson on Wednesday 24th April.

**English:** Using the novel *Swallows and Amazons* as our stimulus, and alongside our sailing lessons, the children will write an adventure story, diary entry and a newspaper report.

**Art:** We will work as a class to produce some Amazon themed artwork.

**Design Technology:** The pupils will be designing and making a Mexican salad as well as a chocolate orange campfire cake and designing the packaging for it.

**RRS Articles:** Article 29 Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest. It should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them learn to live peacefully,



**Maths:** Multiplication and Division, Perimeter and Area, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Properties of Shape, Position and Direction.

**History:** Pupils learn about the huge span of time across which Mayan civilisation existed and learn to demarcate some of the distinctive eras within this. They will learn about the way of life of the Mayans as well as their lasting impact on the world and the landscape they lived in.

**Geography:** Pupils will learn about South America and the Amazon and compare and contrast the physical and human geography with that of Cornwall.

**Computing/e-safety:** We will use the computers for researching our history and Geography topics. E-Safety around this include checking sources for fake facts as well as general staying safe online conduct.

**Final Product:** Over the course of the topic pupils will gain new skills from their Sailing lesson whilst working towards a level 1 Sailing qualification as well as Outdoor Education skills such as fire building, during our Outdoor Education lessons which will take place on the school grounds from Wednesday 12th June onwards.