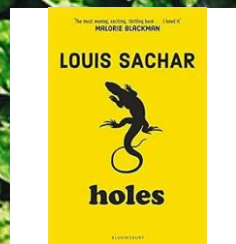


Autumn Term One, Year 6

Welcome from Phase Lead

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. The children have arrived back at school with such enthusiasm and motivation for the ambitious year ahead! Year 6 have begun their Mayan topic with a fantastic opportunity of exploring virtual reality. The children were so engaged and definitely inspired to learn more. The year group have also taken to the new year with great aspiration. They are all aware of the importance of Year 6 and will no doubt get stuck in with such great positivity! Mrs Kane

We are reading...



English

This term, we are starting our writing journey with a narrative focus. The children will use their knowledge of the text *Holes* to explore different writing features. Each week will start with a SPaG focus and incorporate it into our high level, descriptive writing. We will then move onto letter writing! In Reading, we are exploring various texts and answering comprehension questions using our VIPER skills (Vocabulary, Inference, Predict, Explain and Retrieval)

Maths

In Maths, Year 6 are starting the year by exploring their previous knowledge of place value. They will be developing and building upon what they know by learning about numbers up to 10,000,000! The children will also have afternoon sessions which will focus on arithmetic, number fluency and reasoning. Understanding the value of each number and how it can be ordered, increased and decreased will support our future maths coverage.

Science

In Year 6, we are starting our Science learning by exploring plants animals and the ways in which they can be classified. The year group will re-visit their prior knowledge and incorporate new learning of Carl Linnaeus. New terminology such as Archaea, Bacteria and Eukarya, will soon become words that the children can easily explain and experiment with!

Important Dates:

September

-W/c 18th September -clubs start

-Mon 18th September- Yr 6 1:1 devices meeting 4.45pm-5.15pm

October

-17th and 19th October -

Parents Evening

-W/C 4th December- *Mock SATs paper*

Geography/History

Our engaging visit from Prime VR got us all so excited and motivated to learn more about our new topic, The Mayans! Having the opportunity to see first-hand the impressive Mayan structures meant the children left the session with more questions than ever. We will be exploring the geographical area of where Mexico is situated and go back in History to identify, research and use our enquiry skills to work out just how the Mayans were so successful and where their intelligence came from!

Art/DT

Our Art lessons this half term require the children to really explore, practise and refine the skill of printing. The children will draw upon all of their previous years of printing and develop it to a point where they will use tools to create a collagraph printing block! The designs will be based on the research they do into Mayan history and showcase a floral and colourful Day of the Dead design.

Music/Spanish

Our weekly lessons will cover:

Music

To appraise the work of a classical composer
To improvise as a group, using dynamics and pitch

To improvise as a group, using texture

Spanish

Everyday life

Where I live, where you live

Playing and enjoying sport

PSHE

Our weekly lessons will cover:

- Being me in my world
- How am I a global citizen?
- What do I need to be able to learn?
- How do my choices affect me?
- How do my choices affect others?

Computing

Our weekly lessons will cover:

- Computing systems and networks
- Communication and collaboration
- Creating media – Web page creation
- Programming
- Variables in games
- Data and information
- Introduction to Spreadsheets
- Creating media
- 3D Modelling

PE

As you are aware, Year 6 PE lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Mr McAndrew teaches the classes netball and our newest member of the team, Mr J, teaches Fitness.

Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kits which correct training footwear.