

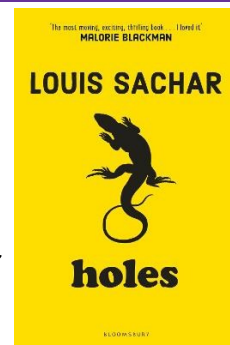
Year 6
Spring 1
Survival of the
Fittest



English

Reading

Our class text is *Holes* by Louis Sachar. The book centres on Stanley Yelnats who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a correctional boot camp in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. The plot explores the history of the area and how character's actions in the past have affected Stanley's life in the present.



Writing

In Writing this half term, pupils in Year 6 will be exploring different fiction and non-fiction genres, including a setting description and a recount from the perspective of Stanley Yelnats, the main character in our new class reader- *Holes*. In these units of work, they will learn how to use passive voice sentences, vary their sentence openers for cohesion and use a variety of figurative language techniques to develop their purpose and intent for writing.

Tier 2 vocabulary

Tier 2 vocabulary are words that are used in many situations and contexts. This term, your child will learn the meaning of the following words in some of these contexts:

adequate aspect category commit community considerable
contribute distinct establish exceed expand factor fund
image layer obtain phase primary principle sequence

Spellings

Practise your spellings at least 3 times per week on Spelling Shed.

W/b 03.01.24

Words with the suffix
'ful'

merciful
plentiful
beautiful
fearful
faithful
boastful
doubtful
thankful
pitiful
fanciful

W/b 10.01.24

Words with an /oa/
sound spelled 'ou' or
'ow'

shoulder
smoulder
mould
thrown
known
blown
window
shallow
soul
poultry

w/b 17.01.24

Words with soft 'c'
spelled 'ce'

prejudice
nuisance
hindrance
sacrifice
cemetery
certIFICATE
celebrate
necessary
deceased
December

w/b 24.01.24

Words with the
prefix 'un' 'dis'
'over' and 'im'

disappointed
dissatisfied
dissimilar
unsure
unnecessary
unnatural
overseas
overrule
overreact
impatient

w/b 31.01.24

Words with /f/ sound
spelled 'ph'

graph
pheasant
phone
photo
physical
alphabet
dolphin
elephant
pamphlet
sphere

w/b 07.02.24

Words with origins
in other countries
and languages

hoist
easel
restaurant
pyjamas
bungalow
veranda
ballet
blizzard
gymkhana
origin



STEM

Maths

Pupils will learn about decimals including place value of digits and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. They will use the language of ratio and solve problems using ratio and proportion. Pupils will be introduced to algebra including substituting a term for an amount and finding the value of missing terms. Children should practise their times tables at least 3 times per week on Times Tables Rock Stars and also use My Maths for their homework and to practise other maths-based skills.

Science

This term, children will be learning about 'evolution', including how organisms have adapted to their environment and how this is linked to adaptations over long periods. They will research the ideas of Charles Darwin and how his book 'The Origin of the Species' changed opinions about life on Earth.

Personal Development

Physical Education

During this half term in PE, pupils will be practising some key concepts such as possession, marking, switching play, using width and channelling in different conditioned games. In their indoor PE lessons, Year 6 will be developing their jumping and vaulting skills using different gymnastics equipment including benches, agility tables and vault boxes.

Computing

Pupils will learn about the World Wide Web as a communication tool. They will learn how we find information on the Internet by exploring how search engines work and what influences search results. They will then investigate and evaluate different methods of internet-based communication, such as email and blogs, and their purpose.

Religious Education

This term in RE lessons, pupils will be studying Islam. They will learn about the Five Pillars and their significance within the religion and will also study what life is like inside a mosque and make comparisons to other religions.



The Arts



Art

Pupils will be developing their sketching skills using the drawings of Da Vinci as stimuli. They will develop techniques to show tone and will progress to showing repeating patterns using different media.

Music

Pupils will look at the work of two contrasting orchestral composers. The pupils will look at the instruments of the orchestra and explore two set works; they will then create their own pieces, taking influence from these.

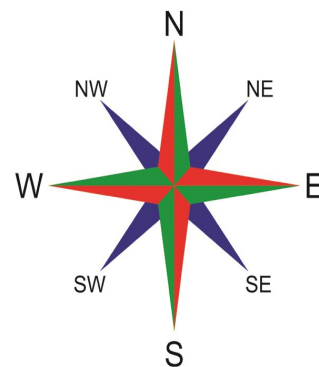


Practice
Makes
Perfect

Humanities

Geography

Pupils will develop their mapping skills including use of 4 and 6 figure grid references. They will find out about symbols used to represent places and physical features. Pupils will learn about the 8 compass points and how these are used to give di-



French

Pupils will learn specific vocabulary to describe France's neighbours and positions/distances of a variety of cities. They will learn the French names for famous French landmarks and how to describe what people do when they visit Paris.



Homework

Reading — at least 5 times per week. Write this in your planner.

Spelling Shed — at least 3 times per week.

Times Table Rockstars — at least 3 times per week

MyMaths — Children log on and complete the set questions

Optional tasks:

Find out about animals that have become extinct — why did the species not adapt so it could survive in its habitat?.

Create your own island which has a key and includes 6-digit reference points

Enrichment

Trips and Visitors

Please find a list of anticipated trips and visits to enrich your child's learning. These are not all finalised and will be dependent on availability nearer the time. We are acutely aware of the increasing financial pressures on families; therefore, we want to provide you with an overview of potential costs for the year. When trips are organised, you will be provided with a clear financial breakdown of the subsequent costs.

We have several trips and visitors scheduled for the year, as follows:

Autumn 1— None planned

Autumn 2 — Cranfield University (visitor in school free workshop)

Spring 1 — Cranfield University (visitor in school free workshop)

Spring 2 — Tower of London and Barbican Singing trip London (approx. cost of £25.00)

Summer 1 — Bedford University (no cost)

Summer 2 — Cranfield University visit (cost pending)