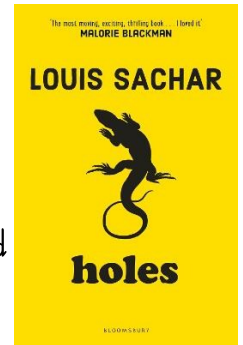


Year 6  
Spring 1

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 explanation text. 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 08.01.25

Words that can be nouns and verbs

produce  
impact  
transport  
silence  
permit  
object  
contest  
subject  
increase  
freeze

W/b 15.01.25

Words with the prefix 'over'

overbalance  
overthrow  
overturned  
overcoat  
overslept  
overcook  
overpaid  
overreact  
overtired  
overlooked

w/b 22.01.25

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

shoulder  
smoulder  
mould  
thrown  
known  
blown  
window  
shallow  
soul  
poultry

w/b 29.01.25

Words with soft 'c' spelled 'ce'

prejudice  
nuisance  
hindrance  
sacrifice  
cemetery  
certificate  
celebrate  
necessary  
deceased  
December

w/b 5.02.25

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

disappointed  
dissatisfied  
dissimilar  
unsure  
unnecessary  
unnatural  
overseas  
overrule  
overreact  
impatient

w/b 012.02.25

Words with /f/ sound spelled 'ph'

graph  
pheasant  
phone  
photo  
physical  
alphabet  
dolphin  
elephant  
pamphlet  
sphere



# STEM

## Maths

Pupils will learn about decimals, including multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and by integers. They will learn to 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.

Practice  
Makes  
Perfect

# 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 floor skills and learning the progressive steps to performing a forward roll, cart wheel, head stand, hand stand and backward roll.

## 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

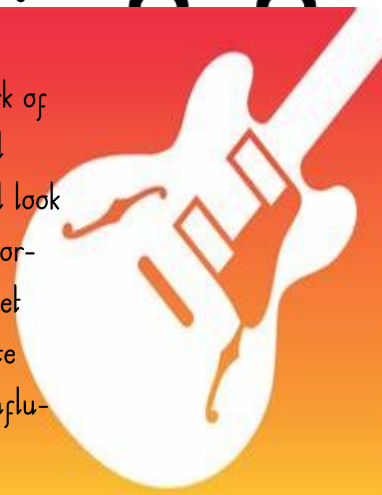


## Art

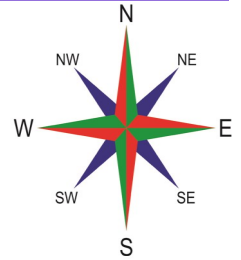
Pupils will be developing their sketching skills using the drawings of Da Vinci as stimuli. They will develop techniques to show tone and will progress to showing repeating patterns using different media.

## 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.



# 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 directions and find places .

## 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. Parentpay has the ability to be used as a savings account.

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

Autumn 2 — STEM talk on aviation Department for Transport (no cost)

Spring 1 — None planned

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

Summer 1 — Bedford University (no cost)

Summer 2 — Sports Day at Bedford Athletics Stadium (no cost)