



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

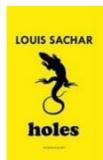
Reading

This term in reading, the children will be focusing on developing their retrieval and inference skills. They will also be developing the skills of reading between the lines and answering questions linked to impressions they have deduced of characters within texts read, backing up their answers using evidence from the text. The children will be applying their skills of APE (Answer, Prove, Explain and Point-Explain, Point-Explain) to answer questions.

VIPERS Character Focus



Class Reader



Holes

Author Focus

Louis Sachar

How you can support at home?

Please listen to your children read regularly. Discuss the meanings of sophisticated language you come across in the text. Ask children to read around the text to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words. Ask about characters.

Writing

Linking with our topic, the children will write a non-chronological report based upon the country Mexico. They will also write a persuasive holiday advert for the popular holiday destination.



The children will study the Ancient Mayan Myth, "The Hero Twins" and use this as inspiration to write their own. Using the digital media stimulus, *Blackface*, the children will explore a jungle setting.



Throughout the term, the children will be practising grammar and punctuation skills, so that they can use these in their independent writing. Spelling patterns will be reinforced through handwriting and will be extended through homework.

Mathematics

As the term begins, the children will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages. They will be revisiting strategies to solve one and two step word-problems and applying their skills in a range of situations for example when measuring liquids, using the measures of litres and millimetres. They will continue to practise mental strategies to support basic calculations. Times tables need to be thoroughly learned so that they can be applied to a range of questions quickly and accurately.

Linked to our Science topic of a Healthy Lifestyle, children will be drawing and interpreting graphs of pulse rates before, during and after exercise.



Vocabulary

Fraction, decimal, percentage, reduce, convert, unit, imperial, metric, algebra, ratio, measure, length, area, volume, perimeter, sequence, equation, solve, circumference

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Creative Curriculum

'Temple of Doom' is this term's topic, which will allow Year 6 to learn more about the wider world through an investigation of the Ancient Maya Civilisation. The children will find out who the Mayans were and identify and locate the continent and countries where they inhabited.

The children will investigate the daily life of the Mayans and explore typical foods, such as avocados, chocolate and maize. They will also look in depth at some of their greatest Mayan achievements.

In the tradition of the Maya, Year 6 will be weaving designs following patterns symbolizing rain, animals, earth and growth using cross-stitch.



Vocabulary

Primary source of evidence, secondary source of evidence, settlement, artefact, archaeologist, hieroglyphs, sacrifice, chronological, civilisation, border, peninsula, climate, hemisphere, equator, rainforest, location, physical feature.

Science

In Science, Year 6 will be investigating how to stay healthy. This will involve finding out what a healthy lifestyle actually means. They will find out about the impact of smoking and the importance of a balanced diet.

The children will complete investigations linked to breathing, heart rate and exercise. Comparisons will be made with athletes of today.



Vocabulary

Digestive system, oesophagus, large intestine, small intestine, saliva, acid, enzymes, vein, artery, capillary, aorta, atrium, ventricle, drug, tobacco, exercise, breathing, respiratory system, healthy, balanced diet, protein, carbohydrates, fibre, vitamins, minerals, fats, pulses.

Enrichment

- To immerse the children in the topic, a Mexican theme day will be held.
- Health and sports experts will visit to speak to the children regarding drug awareness and the importance of regular exercise and a healthy diet.
- Boosters lessons take place, beginning in the spring term. Please look out for the letter regarding this.

Important Dates

- **SATs week:**
Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May
Writing SATs continue until the end of June.

Please ensure your child attends school each day during SATs week and has excellent attendance throughout the year.