

YEAR GROUP OVERVIEW

Year 6 – Summer 2

English - Reading

In reading lessons, pupils continue to develop their fluency knowledge and skills through a wide range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Pupils also develop core reading skills through the range of texts they read:

- Vocabulary
- Retrieval
- Inference
- Prediction
- Summary
- Authorial intent

This half term's texts is *Holes*; *Holes* by Louis Sachar is a young adult novel that follows Stanley Yelnats, a boy who is wrongly sent to a juvenile detention centre called Camp Green Lake. There, boys are forced to dig holes in the dry lakebed as punishment. Over time, Stanley realizes the digging is part of the warden's secret search for a hidden treasure. The story weaves together past and present, revealing how the history of Stanley's family and a legendary outlaw named Kissin' Kate Barlow connect to the mystery of the camp.

English - Writing

Pupils write texts using this half term's texts as a stimulus through our NELT Key Stage 2 Teaching and Learning Cycle. They will learn key grammar and punctuation knowledge within writing lessons which they will use within their writing.

Narrative: Children will write a missing chapter from the book *Holes* using expanded noun phrases, adverbs and prepositions to add detail to their writing.

Leaflet: In this writing cycle, children will analyse the organisational devices of a layout to ensure that they are able to present their information on Camp Green Lake appropriately.

Diary: In this cycle, the children will be writing from the perspective of Stanley, reflecting on his time in Camp Green Lake after he is released.

Maths

Pupils will be revisiting all aspects of maths through a variety of mathematical projects and investigations. This work will involve pupils working with a partner or in small groups to use their mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills

to find solutions to the various projects. A large proportion of this work will encourage pupils to find and describe patterns. They will also be challenged to try and use algebra to describe some of their findings.

Children will also be completing the 'Virgin Money Challenge' where they are turning into budding entrepreneurs, growing their £5 into a little business to make a profit. They will be working out spending and profit using their mathematical skills.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats: this unit allows children to revisit and deepen their understanding of key scientific enquiry types. It builds on knowledge from previous years about habitats, life cycles, and ecosystems. Children will begin by classifying living things into broad groups, such as micro-organisms, plants, and animals, using specific characteristics. They will explore how classification systems have evolved over time and use them to categorise unfamiliar organisms. Practical activities, like creating classification keys will allow students to apply these concepts. The unit then moves to focus on the different types of microorganisms and children will then carry out an investigation which specifically looks at how yeast is classed as a living thing and why.

History

An introduction to the ancient civilisation Mayans. The Maya people are remembered for amazing creations, like their spectacular buildings and beautiful objects. Maya society was very complex with hundreds of cities, commoners, a middle class, nobles and the king and his royal court. During the Maya civilisation, Britain went through the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages, including Stonehenge, to Roman Britain, Anglo-Saxon, Medieval and Tudor England. They also invented groundbreaking ideas which have helped shape the way we live our lives today. For example, it's thought that the Maya invented the idea of 'zero'.

Design & Technology

This unit takes a closer look at fabrics and their properties, including developing sewing skills. Children will design and create a drawstring bag using various textiles. This can be decorated as a leaver's keepsake.

Music

Children will listen and appraise Western Classical music. They will continue to embed the foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music using voices and instruments.

Modern Foreign Language (MFL)

In French this half-term, the topic is performance! Children will learn and write about the Tour de France, as well as creating their own class newspaper sheet. The Class will then present independent performances.

PSHE

In our final PSHE unit (Changing Me), children learn about puberty in boys and girls and the changes that will happen; they reflect on how they feel about these changes. Children also learn about self-esteem, why it is important and ways to develop it. Finally, they look at the transition to secondary school (or next class) and what they are looking forward to/are worried about and how they can prepare themselves mentally.

Religious Education (R.E.)

The focus on this half-term's R.E. unit is World View. In this unit children will understand the idea of God in the context of both global and local beliefs. Examine the rising number of people who identify as 'no religion' and learn to use the terms atheist, agnostic and theist with confidence.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Cricket: In this unit pupils will develop their understanding of striking and fielding. They will expand their knowledge of the different roles of bowler, wicket keeper, fielder and batter. Children will have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. They will achieve this by striking a ball and trying to avoid fielders so that they can run between wickets to score runs. Children will have the opportunity to work with others, demonstrating their understanding of the rules.