

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

January 2024

A Very Happy New Year!

We hope that you have had a lovely winter break.

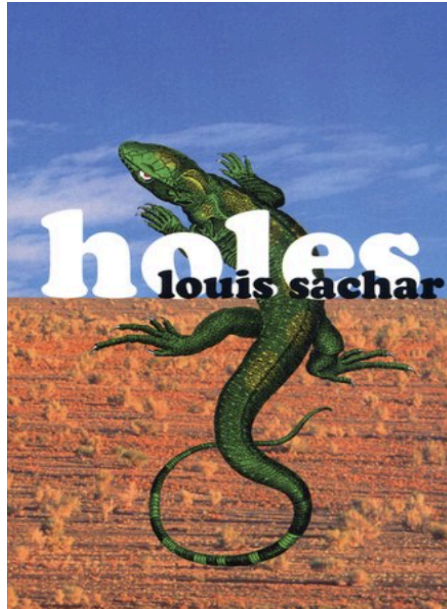
Please see the coverage for this half term.

Maths

We begin the half term by completing our unit on fractions where we compare, order and convert fractions. Our focus will then move to multiplication and division. The children will consolidate their knowledge of formal multiplication by 1 digit, before moving onto multiplying by 2 digits. Finally, we will divide up to 4 digit numbers by 1 digit, including with remainders. Maths target: To know Prime and Composite numbers to 20.

History

We will find out about the Mayan civilization, including who they were and how they lived. We will find out how Mayan society was organised, and will end our topic with what led to the demise of the Mayan civilization.



Games and PE

This term, the key focus will be football and gymnastics. Mayer PE: Wednesday and Friday. Winstanley PE: Tuesday and Wednesday. Swimming will continue every Thursday for those who have been informed.

English

This half term, our English will be based on Holes by Louis Sachar. As well as this being our whole-class guided reading text, we will be using the story of Stanley Yelnats as inspiration for our writing.

We will begin by writing an informal letter, from Stanley to his mum, before learning how to write a formal letter.

Later in the half term, we are going to debate whether boys should be sent to Camp Green Lake. We will then write a balanced argument on the subject.

Science

We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties. We will use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. We will then discover that some changes are irreversible, and they result in the formation of new materials.

Computing

We will start to create vector drawings in Google Drawings. We will learn how to use different drawing tools to help create images and recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines. We will layer our objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work.

RE

We will be discussing what is meant by community. We will make links between values and commitments, and our own attitudes and behaviour. We will then be finding out about the key features of a Mosque, before investigating the 5 pillars of Islam.

DT

This half term, we will be designing, making and evaluating a healthy curry. We will practise and refine our peeling, chopping, slicing and grating skills.



PSHE

This half term, we will be exploring the effect of our behaviour on others, the difference between right and wrong, and why it is important to be different. We will also learn to recognise and appreciate risky choices.

How you can help at home:

Please continue to hear your child read and to record your comments about their reading in their diaries. Ask them questions about the understanding behind what they have read and discuss the vocabulary that they have come across.

Question your child on their times tables (1 - 12) frequently.

Test your child on their maths target.

Test your child on their weekly spellings.

Key reminders:

Mayer PE: Wednesday and Friday. Winstanley PE: Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please make sure that they come to school in appropriate PE kit on those days.

Homework is set every Friday and is due back every Wednesday.

Spellings will be given out every Friday and children will be tested on these the following Friday.

Children will be tested on their maths target every Friday.

TT Rockstars - 15 garage games to be completed by Thursday each week.

Thank you for your continued support

Ms Martin, Mrs Knight,

Mrs Reeb, Mrs Noon and Mrs Khan.

The Year 5 team.