



Spring Term 2 Year 5 and 6

English

Holes by Louis Sachar

This half term, our class will be reading **Holes**, a modern In Year 5/6, we will be studying the novel **Holes**, a popular and engaging story that blends adventure, humour, mystery, and historical fiction.

About the Story

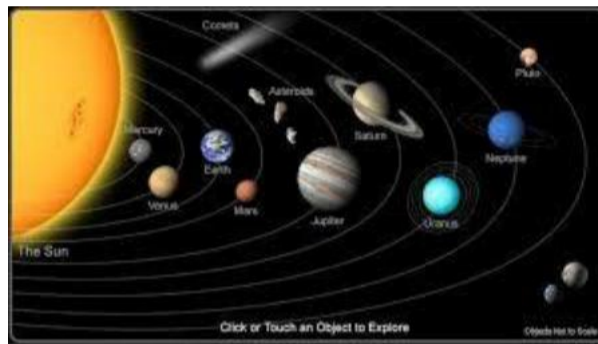
The story follows **Stanley Yelnats**, a boy who is wrongly accused of stealing a pair of trainers and sent to a juvenile detention camp called Camp Green Lake. Instead of a lake, the camp is a dry desert where the boys are forced to dig holes every day, supposedly to "build character."

As the story unfolds, we discover that the digging is part of a bigger mystery connected to events from the past. The novel cleverly links Stanley's story with his family history from over 100 years earlier. Themes of friendship, justice, fate, and personal growth run throughout the book.



Science Earth & Space

Children will learn the main facts –
How does the Earth fit into our solar system?
How do we know the Earth is a sphere?
How long does it take for Earth (and other planets) to orbit the Sun?
What is the largest object that orbits the Earth?
Why is there day and night on Earth?
Does the Moon change shape?



Maths

Our focus, in Maths, this half term is the understanding of perimeter and area and percentages with varying calculations linked to this. From these children will use these to aid their working out of different style calculations especially for Y6 revision for SATs.



Spelling

Children will have spelling lessons every Tuesday where they will learn a new spelling rule. They will be given activities through the week to practise this rule and have a test the following Tuesday.

Handwriting & Letter Formation

As a school, we have a real focus on handwriting this year and will have a 10-minute handwriting lesson each day in order to learn and practise forming letters and joining correctly.

PE

'TAG Rugby & Orienteering'

On a Monday afternoon, we have TAG Rugby and Thursday afternoon is Orienteering. Please ensure children have full indoor and outdoor PE kits. See back of planner for correct PE kits.



RSHE

Our key questions that we will be covering this half term are; Can we be different and still be friends? Should friends tell us what to do? Is there such a thing as the perfect body?



Creation & Science: Conflicting or complimentary

Children will discuss how religious beliefs about creation and scientific ideas about the universe can be different yet still work alongside each other.

Geography

'Survival Around the World'

Children will learn about -

1. Understanding longitude and latitude
2. Understanding time zones
3. Water on planet Earth
4. What happens to water in the water cycle?
5. What is the journey of a river?



Art and Design

Observational drawing; Giuseppe Arcimboldo

Children will investigate the work of the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Children will use these investigations to produce observational artwork of fruit.



Computing

Flat File Database

Children will be learning about how to explore how information can be organised into records and fields and understand how data is stored in a simple table format.

Music

Children will be taking part in weekly singing assemblies and then listening to music from the Caribbean.

