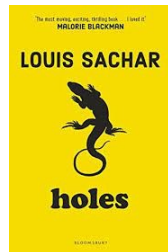


Year 5 Newsletter

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English

Our text this half term is 'Holes'. Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day, he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole and report anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth.



Science

This half term, we will be studying 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. Our topic is Living Things and Their Habitats- The Art of Living. During this unit we will be describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird as well as describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.



Maths



This half term, we will be completing the unit 'Shape'. Within this unit, we will be classifying and measuring angles, calculating angles on a straight line and around a point and finding lengths and angles within a shape.

We will then move onto our position and direction unit where we will be looking at how to plot and translate co-ordinates. We will then look at identifying lines of symmetry on a line graph.

Geography skills

- Explore the use of 4 and 6-figure grid references.
- Understand the use of map symbols, keys and compass direction
- Identify human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns.



Please remember to read your books at least 3x weekly. Reading Records are due in on **Monday**.

Spelling tests are on a **Friday**- use Spelling Shed to help you learn!

PE day is a Tuesday.

R.E

- Our topic of study for R.E this half term is 'Wise Words'. During this unit we will be looking at a range of religious texts including The Bible, The Qur'an and some scriptures in the Vedas. We will be comparing some stories in the religions that we study.



P.S.H.E

Our topic this half term is 'Relationships'.

Through this topic, we will be learning about:

- Self-recognition and self-worth
- Building self-esteem
- Safer online communities
- Rights and responsibilities online
- Online gaming and gambling
- Reducing screen time Dangers of online grooming
- SMART internet safety rules



Music

This half term we will be continuing to learn string instruments. We will work on gaining confidence when performing.



Computing

This half term we will be learning how to create media in our computing sessions. We will be focusing on vector drawings and online safety



P.E

This half term's PE focus' will be 'Striking and Fielding' and 'Orienteering'



Key Dates

- ★ Monday 5th May—Bank holiday
- ★ Friday 23rd May—Non-uniform day



