

YEAR 6 - Spring 1

OUR TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM:

In Geography, we will be learning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes. We will be learning about layers of the Earth and the plates which make up these. We will also be learning about how volcanoes and earthquakes form.

In History, we will be looking at 'Civil Rights'. This will include taking a look at what America was like in the 1950s and finding out about famous people such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.

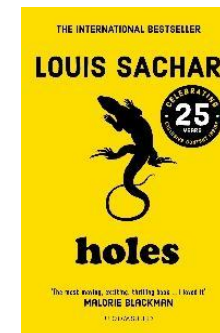
In Science, we will begin a topic on forces. This will include learning about forces including gravity, friction and air resistance. We will also look at how mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears work.

ENGLISH

Author of the Term: Louis Sachar

Our new author of the term is Louis Sachar. We will be reading his book 'Holes' in our reading sessions where we will be developing our fluency and our skills in answering retrieval, inference, vocabulary, summarising and prediction questions.

In writing, we will be writing a range of texts including a short narrative, a formal letter and an incident report. We will be continuing to work on our sentence structure and cohesion of our writing and improving our grammar skills such as identifying the subject and object and writing in passive and active voice.



KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:

In Maths, we will be looking at percentages, ratio, algebra and statistics whilst continuing to practise our key arithmetic skills. We will be applying this knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving questions.



Every day, we will be practising specific arithmetic skills ready for a weekly arithmetic test on a Friday.

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WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

You can use these websites to find out about your child's learning at home.

[School Learning Zone - Civil Rights](http://school-learningzone.co.uk)
(school-learningzone.co.uk)

[Who was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? -](#)

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Globalisation - BBC Bitesize](#)

REMINDERS:

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday this half-term and we are lucky enough to be joined by Elite on Tuesday.

A polite reminder that PE kit is:

- navy or black leggings, joggers or shorts
- plain white t-shirt
- trainers

HELPING AT HOME:

Reading:

It is important that your child is reading regularly at home (minimum 3 times a week).

Times Tables:

We will be continuing to send home a times table focus of the week – please ensure your child is practising these.

Alongside this, we encourage them to use Times Tables Rock Stars regularly.

Spelling:

We will continue to send home spellings with a specific rule focus each week. Please encourage your child to practise these at home.

Value of the Half-Term:

Our school value for this half term is **RESILIENCE**. We will be promoting resilience through our behaviour, actions and learning throughout the school day. We would be delighted for your child to share any examples where they have demonstrated resilience outside of school.

KEY SUBJECT VOCABULARY:

History

- discrimination
- racism
- equality

Science

- lever
- pivot
- air resistance
- friction
- Newtons

Geography

- erosion
- mantle
- convection current
- magma