

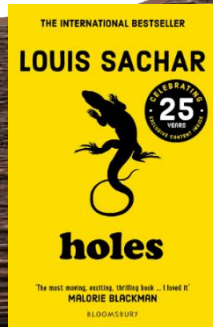
# Autumn Term - First Half - Year 6



## English

We will start the term using the wonderful animation, 'Oktapodi', and the book, 'Holes', by Louis Sachar, to inspire the class in their writing. Lessons will focus on writing creatively from the perspective of different characters, setting description and the non-fiction elements of learning how to write nonchronological reports.

We are reading...



### Reading:

We will use our daily reading time (ERIC) to listen to children read and develop their VIPERS skills. Please support us in developing your child's reading by sharing your books and listening to them read at home. Reading should be recorded in Reading Record Books which will be checked when I read with their group.

## Maths

Our term starts with consolidating the children's understanding of place value before extending it into the millions.

We will then spend time working with the four operations, introducing multiplication and division by two-digit numbers. Mathematical fluency will remain a daily part of our practise in order that previous knowledge and skills are being revisited.

## Geography

In Geography this half term, we will explore the key question: "Why does population change?" through investigating:

- How the global population is changing
- What birth and death rates are
- Why people migrate
- How climate change is impacting population
- How population is impacting our environment

## Science

In science this half term we will be studying "Living things and their habitats." We will be looking at the conditions needed for living things to survive before learning to classify plants, animals and microorganisms. Towards the end of the half term we will be looking at the work of Carl Linnaeus.

## RE

For the first half of the term, we will be learning about Islam and considering the key question, "What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?".

We will be discussing the meaning of the word 'commitment' and finding out more about how each of the five pillars of Islam help Muslims demonstrate their commitment to their faith.

## Computing

In Year Six this half term, we will begin with a focus on e-safety and the importance of keeping ourselves safe whilst using all forms of online technology – computers, games consoles, phones, tablets etc.

We will then move on to programming in Scratch to make our own games.

## Music

This term's music unit is called "Music and Technology." The children will be learning about music that is composed using a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) and will be learning the difference between these and live sounds.

PE

PE will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half: Football and Tag Rugby

Some children will also be **Swimming on Wednesday**.

## French

Our first French unit this term is 'French Sport and the Olympics' when we will be learning how to name different sports in French. We will also be finding out about the 'Tour de France' and the game, 'Pétanque'.

## PSHE

This half term, we will be introducing the myHappyMind+ wellbeing and PSHE programme. We will begin with the unit 'Meet your brain' where we will develop our understanding of how our brains work and what we can do to look after it, so that we can manage our emotions and be at our best. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin the unit 'myHappyMind Places' which will help us to better understand our emotions and develop effective self-regulation strategies.

## Art

This half term, Year Six will be developing their photography skills by looking at composition, light, colour, abstract images and underlying messages. They will learn about photography artists, gaining a new perspective on the way they look at people and objects around them, capturing and presenting images in different ways.