

Year 6 Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2018

Welcome back to Term 2!

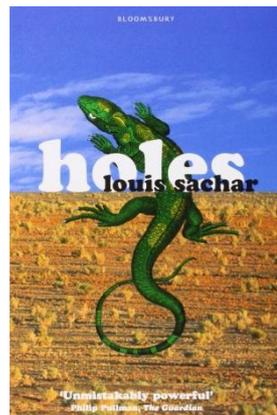
This term, our topic will be Mexico and we will be learning about the geography, food and people of the country.

We'll also be learning all about Light in our Science lessons. English and Maths will continue to be a high focus.



English

In our English lessons we will be basing our writing on the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, covering a range of genres, including information texts and diary entries. We will use our Mexico topic as a basis for further writing, including writing about different Mexican festivals and food. There will be a strong emphasis on grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting. Guided reading will be taught on a daily basis.



Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on a range of different objectives. We will mainly be looking at Number, Measurement and Geometry. We will also be focusing on applying this knowledge when solving problems. Mental arithmetic will be taught alongside this on a weekly basis. It would be of great benefit if you could practise the times tables with your child regularly.

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2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Science

This term, our science topic is 'Light'. Throughout this topic, children will be taught how light travels in straight lines and will investigate shadows (how their shape and size changes). As well as our practical investigations, there will be a visit from the Science Dome to enhance our Science learning this term.

Topic

For our topic, we will be learning all about Mexico: physical characteristics, food, festivals and what daily life is like. We will also be using this as an opportunity to learn Spanish vocabulary for food. We will be using our work on Mexican food to run a Ready Steady Cook style challenge for the children towards the end of term.

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P.E.

PE will be taught on a Friday afternoon for Mauve Class and Purple Class. This term the focus will be on Rugby and Dance. Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform (white t-shirt, black/blue shorts and trainers).

Drugs and Alcohol

This term in Drugs and Alcohol, we will be teaching the following objective:

- To understand the effects, risks and law relating to cannabis

If you have any questions or queries regarding this please see your child's teacher.

Trips, Visitors and Workshops

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our visitors were CREW (and their prehistory mysteries) and Adrian the Rainforest Man (talking about animals during the Stone Age). These visitors really helped the children to learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

For Term 2, we will be visited by the Science Dome, to inspire our children's learning about Light, and having a Respect workshop by the Big Foot Theatre company as part of our PSHE learning.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure these visits can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

Home learning

Every Friday, children will be given a piece of Maths and a piece of English work to be completed by the following Wednesday. Alongside the Maths and English home learning, there will also be a project based around our topic, 'Mexico', which children can complete at home. Children will also continue to be given a levelled home reading book each week. Each child is required to read the entire book before returning it. Children are also invited to choose books from our class library as and when they need changing.

Important Dates

Science Dome visit

Monday 12th November 2018

Big Foot Theatre visit

Monday 3rd December 2018

Christmas Performance

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Thank you for all your support!

Miss Grimwood (Mauve Class), Miss Gordon (Purple Class)