



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Newsletter

Spring Term 2

As we move into the second half of the Spring Term, it is remarkable to think that we are already halfway through the academic year. The previous half term seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. We have an exciting programme of activities planned for the weeks ahead, including our fundraising efforts in support of this year's Lenten Project.

English

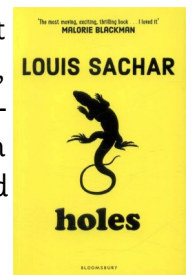
Reading

Throughout the term, we will continue whole class reading sessions. We will focus on a variety of texts and unpick them as a class, focusing on our VIPERS skills and the author's intent. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home.

Writing

This half term, Year 6 will be delving into *Holes* by Louis Sachar – a gripping novel that explores crime, punishment, and the pursuit of truth. The story follows Stanley Yelnats, a boy who finds himself wrongly sent to a boys' detention centre, where inmates are forced to dig endless holes in the desert. But is there more to this unusual punishment than meets the eye?

All of our writing will be inspired by *Holes*, with children stepping into the shoes of different characters to write from their perspectives. They will also put their persuasive skills to the test, crafting a compelling prospectus for Camp Green Lake – though whether it's somewhere parents would want to send their children is another question! In addition, pupils will write a non-chronological report about the deadly yellow-spotted lizard, using the text to research and present information clearly and accurately.



A consent email will be sent home soon regarding the film adaptation, so keep an eye out for it. We're excited for a fantastic term of reading, writing and uncovering secrets.

Maths

Each group will be focusing on different maths domains based on the group's requirements. All groups will continue with developing their arithmetic skills within every lesson but use their understanding to solve more complex problems. We will also be focusing on reading and plotting co-ordinates within four quadrants and translating and reflecting shape. Towards the end of the half term, children will be reading and interpreting timetables as well as calculating and drawing angles.



curriculum

Curriculum Overview

Discovering the Mysterious Mayans!

This half term, our Year 6 historians are stepping back in time to uncover the fascinating world of the ancient Maya civilisation. From their awe-inspiring pyramids to their complex social hierarchy, the children will explore how the Mayans lived, worked, and ruled. Through engaging lessons and hands-on activities, they'll piece together the story of this remarkable society—laying the foundation for even deeper discoveries next half term!

Science unit this half term is Light. We will recap and expand upon the unit taught in Year 3. Children will recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. They will use this idea to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them through setting up a range of group investigations.

R.E. unit this half term is Salvation. Children will be re-visiting the Easter story but will explore why Christians think Jesus was resurrected. They will then make links to their own lives as well as discussing sacrifice in other faiths.

D/T unit this half term will focus on designing and making a small stuffed toy and developing the skill of a blanket stitch.

PSHE topic will be 'Healthy Me' which covers two main areas of health: Emotional Health (relaxation, being safe, friendships, mental health skills, body image, relationships with food, managing stress) and Physical Health (eating a balanced diet, physical activity, rest and relaxation, keeping clean, drugs and alcohol, being safe, first aid) in order for children to learn that health is a very broad topic.

Music: we will be looking at the 'Old School' Hip Hop style using 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air' as our stimulus. Children will ultimately write their own version of this piece.

P.E.: will focus on football this half term. Please ensure that all children have suitable outdoor trainers in school.

We look forward to continuing to work with you this half term, should you have any queries, please contact the Year 6 Team.

DIARY DATES

Lenten Project Launches:
W/c 23rd February

Year 6 Lenten Project Week:
W/C 23rd February

Y5 & 6 Ash Wednesday service:
Tuesday 24th February 1:45
(Parents Welcome)

World Book Day:
Thursday 5th March
(welcome to wear pyjamas)

Practice SATS:
W/c 16th March

Lenten Disco:
Monday 16th March

Trip to Northfield Baptist Church (more details to follow):
Wednesday 18th March

Walkathon:
Friday 20th March

Year 4 cake sale:
W/c 23rd March

Parents Evening:
Tuesday 24th March and
Thursday 26th March

Easter service:
Tuesday 24th March
(Parents invited)