

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 1 2019/20

Welcome to 2019! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

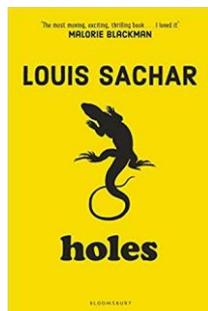
Key dates:

We invite you to our Parent Information Meetings on Thursday 26th September at 3:10pm and 3:30pm

Life skills trip - 4th October

Readers and Writers

Our writing this term will initially focus on our science topic. Pupils will be learning to write non-chronological texts that will tell the reader all about animal adaptations.



Later in the term, pupils will be writing stories based on the book *Holes* by Louis Sacher. There will be opportunities for pupils to discuss key issues raised in the story and create writing based on these ideas.

In reading this term, we will begin to look at the various types of questions we are asked to check our reading comprehension. Pupils will start by learning to answer a range of retrieval questions. Pupils will also be looking at the features of non-fiction texts to support their writing.

It is expected that pupils in year 6 read for 30 minutes at home, every day: this will help their reading stamina and give them opportunities to relax with a book too.



Mathematicians

In maths this term, Year 6 will be developing their knowledge of place values and number. This will include knowing their

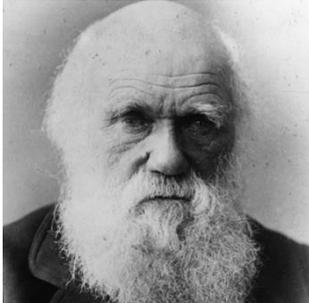
numbers to ten million and negative numbers. Pupils will also be learning how to round whole numbers and decimals.

Please support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to access Mathematics and practise their number knowledge. Following the half term, Year 6 will be learning multiplication techniques. It would be beneficial if pupils knew their multiplication tables to 12 x 12.

If you type 'Topmarks Bingo' into Google you will get a link to a fun website with bingo games to play with your child, which will really help with their learning of the multiplication tables.

Scientists

In Science, we will be studying evolution, adaptation and inheritance. Pupils will have opportunities to study Charles Darwin and his research as well as how animals have adapted and evolved to survive. This will link to our writing lessons as pupils will be producing non-chronological texts based on what they have learnt.



We will also be carrying out investigations. In term 1, these investigations will focus on living things and survival living. Pupils will be posing questions and using our scientific minds to answer these questions in a fair way. They will be developing our logical, systematic and scientific thinking through investigations.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching PE to our class. The children will have PE every Thursday so please make sure they have their PE kit on that day. PE kits needs to be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers.



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have ten spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at [mathletics.com](https://www.mathletics.com)

We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 30 minutes every day. Please support your child by signing their reading diary everyday.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Etherington