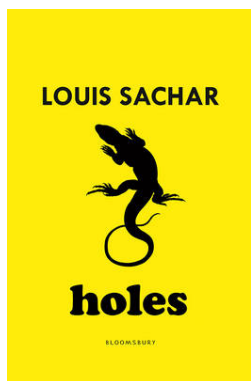


# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 6 Term 1 2021/22

Welcome to Year 6! 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. In Year 6, we have Mr Miller and Miss Allan learning with us every day. Miss Forde will learn with us once every two weeks on a Friday. It is important your child brings in their **water bottle, reading diaries and books and a coat** every day! We will be using diamond power to keep ourselves organised and independent this term. Please continue to log in to ClassDojo where you will be able to see the amazing learning taking place in and outside of our classroom.

### Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'Holes', which is written by Louis Sachar. We will be focussing on using adverbials, dialogue and sentence structure throughout the narrative.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions with a key focus on expanding our vocabulary choices.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, making inferences, summarising, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.

### Mathematicians

For this term our maths unit is place value.

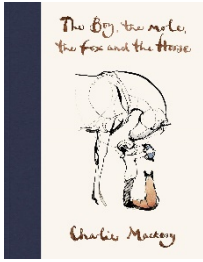


We will look at the value of numbers up to 10,000,000 including comparing and ordering them, as well as rounding

to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000. We will also continue to revise our multiplication facts and use these in our daily sessions to support our learning. As always, please support at home by practising times tables with your child.

Children have been given 'Times Table Rock Stars' log in details to access the fabulous Times Table Rock Star online website – they loved logging on at the start of the year. If you need any support with usernames or passwords speak to one of the Year 6 team and we will be only too happy to help.

## Artists



As artists this term, the children will study sketching. We will be using the wonderful book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' by the artist Charlie Mackesy. We will start by focusing on finding different shapes in drawings. After this we will focus on different tones and shading we can use to create depth in our artwork. This will include looking at the stippling technique. Finally, we will look at how line density (line thickness and darkness) can impact upon the depth and 3D nature of our artwork.

## Scientists

This term, as scientists, we will be learning about evolution. The children will spend time learning about fossils and how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways.



## Kindness in the Classroom



Our unit for Kindness in the Classroom is **respect**. We will be thinking about what it means to treat things, people and places with respect and kindness. We will be reading some stories and looking at different scenarios and thinking about how we can act respectfully. Every week, one child will be awarded a certificate showing how they have used their Kindness in the Classroom skills.



During this term, we will be going swimming every Thursday afternoon at Easton Leisure Centre. The children need to attend the pool with their swimming costume or trunks or shorts on underneath their uniform and towel and underwear in a bag to get changed into afterwards. Mr Miller will be following our Real PE with us on a **Tuesday** afternoon. This term we will focus on teamwork strategies, communication and balancing on a line skills.



We are continuing to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have twenty 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 morning.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Times Table Rock Stars activities for them to access online at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>  
We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 25 minutes every weekday. Please support your child in encouraging them to read daily. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday.

If you have any questions at all, please contact myself through ClassDojo or at the door.  
Yours Sincerely,  
Mr Miller and Miss Allan