

# Year 6 Newsletter

Doors will open at 8.45am for children to be in school and ready to start learning by 8.55am. Attendance and punctuality are essentials – aim to be here, on time, every day!

**6F – Mr French, Mrs Fothergill and Mrs Wormald**

**6H – Mrs Hebblewhite, Mrs Baxter (Tuesday) and Miss Hutton**

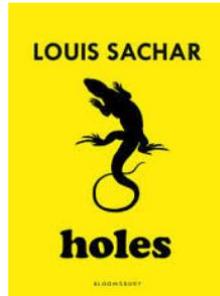
In Year 6 we are



**WISE OWLS!**

## ENGLISH

Our class novel this half-term is Holes by Louis Sachar (Mrs Hebblewhite's favourite book!) It tells the story of a young boy named Stanley Yelnats who has a history of bad luck due to his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather. Stanley's bad luck lands him in the juvenile detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where he is forced to dig holes in order to 'build character'.



## MATHS

We will begin the half-term by looking at decimals and place value. This will include understanding the value of numbers up to 3 decimal places, how to multiply and divide decimals as well as solving problems which require rounding to specific decimal places. We will then follow on our decimal work by looking at converting units of measure (ml > l, g > kg, m > km, mm > cm etc.) by multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 and solving problems around these. Towards the end of the half term, we will be recapping perimeter, area and volume before looking at ratios.



## PE

PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday this half term. We will be completing lessons on Orienteering and Basketball. Children will be going outside so please ensure children have warm clothing in school (jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/hooded top) as the weather becomes colder and wetter.



## LEARNING CHALLENGE (TOPIC)

This term we will be starting a new topic about 18<sup>th</sup> century slavery. Our over-arching enquiry is, 'Why should the world be ashamed of slavery?' We will begin our topic by asking children to use different resources to create a collage about what slavery means to them before exploring in detail what slavery was and why it existed. We will be looking at the link between slavery and discrimination and exploring how people coped being sold into slavery. Towards the end of our topic, we will look at the inspirational lives of people who fought to put an end to slavery.



## HOMEWORK

As well as reading every night, children will be expected to learn spellings every week. Children will receive weekly arithmetic practice sheets to complete over the week. This will support weekly arithmetic tests.



## PSHCE

During this half term the children will be learning about keeping safe when out and about, including recognising and responding to peer pressure, making good choices when with their peers in the wider community and understanding the consequences of anti-social behaviour.

## Reading

Children are expected to read with an adult EVERY night. Please take just 5-10 minutes to read, discuss their book and make a comment in their journal. Asking questions and checking the meaning of those tricky words can help them understand more challenging texts.

## Diary Dates

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – School opens.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Online bullying police talk.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – National Story Telling Week begins
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC speak out/stay safe workshops
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC staying safe workshops.