English and Reading

Our class text will be 'Holes' We will be reading between the lines and putting ourselves in Stanley's shoes at Camp Green Lake

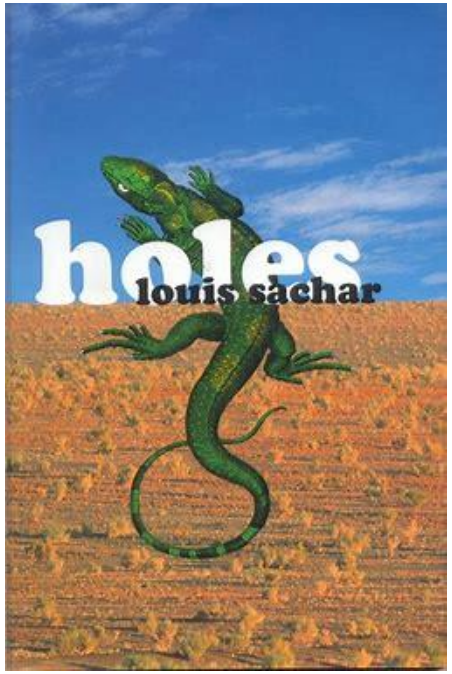
Our writing focusses this half term:

- Setting Descriptions
- Diary
- Formal Letter

Maths

In Maths, we will be securing key skills from year five, assessing where pupils have gaps in knowledge and ensuring that the children are ready to build upon prior learning. We will then be studying:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division



When Stanley Yelnats is sent to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Correctional Facility for a crime he did not commit, life becomes much more of a challenge. First of all he has to dig a hole (as deep as a man) a day in the baking Texas heat, looking for who knows what. Then he has to avoid cruel Mr Sir and the menacing warden. Will Stanley survive in this hostile environment?

Holes lends itself well to out topic this half term as we study rights, injustice and diversity.

Questions we will be exploring this term...

How do time zones work?

What key people have shaped North America?

What impact did Martin Luther King have on the world?

Where is North America ?

How can we promote diversity in the world today?

What are the human and physical features of North America?

What is justice and freedom?

Year 6 Autumn Term

How can the history of Black Americans help us to understand diversity?

Why diversity in North America?

Our topic not only links to the book which we are studying but it is also relevant and prominent in the current news and will be something which the children will come across throughout their lives. We want them to be able to gain a wide understanding of what respecting diversity means and how this has developed through key events in history.

Catch Up Curriculum

During Autumn Term, we will be providing our pupils with additional, Reading, Writing and Maths sessions in order to support all pupils in securing key knowledge that was missed in Year 5. Investing in this during Autumn term through high quality, teacher-led learning will allow us to address any gaps in pupil knowledge.

Computing

We will be learning how to use search engines effectively to support our research.

Science

Our unit of learning will be Evolution and Inheritance. We will be investigating which of our traits are inherited and which are acquired. We will also be studying key scientists involved in the theory of evolution.

Geography

We will be securing prior knowledge about where the continents are located. We will also be learning about the lines of latitude and longitude used to divide the earth and how the enable time zones to work.

History

We will be using timelines to plot events in chronological order and investigating key changes that were brought about by key events and people involved in black American history. We will also be relating this to the modern world and what we can do to support a diverse world.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on improving our fitness levels. We will be striving to achieve personal bests in circuit training and virtual sports competitions set by Coach Owen.

PSHCE

Our first focus in PSHCE is 'What is normal?' We will learn about ourselves and other and use this alongside our respecting diversity topic.

Music

In Autumn we will be singing and learning songs for Young Voices.

Art

Studying different American artists and composing our own art which communicates emotions and a sense of self.

Design Technology

Using the 'Design, Make, Evaluate' model, we will be designing our own juvenile correctional facility.

English and Reading

Our class text will be 'Goodnight Mr Tom' We will be reading between the lines and putting ourselves in Willie Beech's shoes through his journey as an evacuee in the time of WW2.

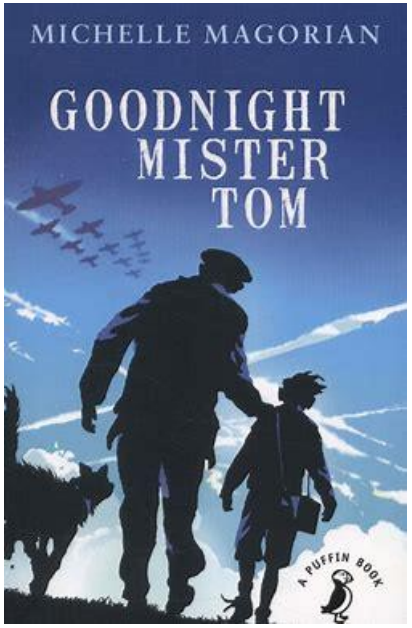
Our writing focusses this half term:

- Setting Descriptions
- Diary
- Formal Letter

Maths

In Maths, we will be consolidating arithmetic skills and applying our skills into reasoning and problem solving questions. We will be studying:

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Algebra
- Ratio



London is poised on the brink of World War II. Timid, scrawny Willie Beech -- the abused child of a single mother -- is evacuated to the English countryside. At first, he is terrified of everything, of the country sounds and sights, even of Mr. Tom, the gruff, kindly old man who has taken him in. But gradually Willie forgets the hate and despair of his past. He learns to love a world he never knew existed, a world of friendship and affection in which harsh words and daily beatings have no place. Then a telegram comes. Willie must return to his mother in London. When weeks pass by with no word from Willie, Mr. Tom sets out for London to look for the young boy he has come to love as a son.

Questions we will be exploring this term...

What problems did Britain face during WW2?

How would an evacuee feel on their journey?

What would it be like as a child during WW2?

How did WW2 start?

How did Britain respond to the problems they were facing?

Year 6 Spring Term

Why WW2?

Our topic links to the book we are studying but we are going to also link it to how our country has been shaped and the major events/key people who had an impact on our country today. We will be encouraging the children to put themselves into the shoes of a child who lived during WW2 and compare how different their lives would be.

Preparation for SATs

During Autumn Term, we provided our pupils with additional, Reading, Writing and Maths sessions in order to support all pupils in securing key knowledge that was missed in Year 5. The children responded extremely well to getting back into learning and have made some excellent progress. This term we will build on this in order to prepare for the SATs assessments in May.

Computing

We will be learning how to use search engines effectively to support our research.

Science

For the first few weeks of this term we will be rounding up our learning about living things from last term. We will conduct investigations about micro-organisms and link our learning to real life. We will then move onto studying electricity and learn about circuits and how different types of electricity are used.

Geography

We will be securing prior knowledge about where countries in Europe are and linking this to maps of Axis and Allies during WW2.

History

We will be using timelines to plot events in chronological order and investigating key changes that were brought about by key events and people involved in British History. We will also be looking at propaganda and the impact this had on Britain.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be continuing with swimming lessons and water safety at Deane Valley Leisure Centre. We will also be learning football skills in PE lessons with Coach Callum.

PSHCE

We will be focusing on developing and sustaining healthy relationships.

Music

In Spring we will be singing and learning songs for Young Voices alongside learning to play the recorder.

Art

Studying different wartime artists and creating our own piece of wartime art.

Design Technology

Using the 'Design, Make, Evaluate' model, we will be designing our own Anderson shelter.