

Year Five Autumn Term 2 2024

Curriculum Newsletter



8.9.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing half term holiday.

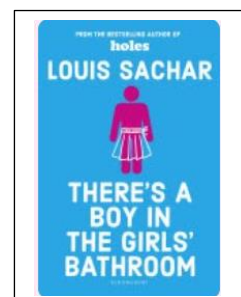
We are ready for a fun-packed half term and hope you are too!

As before, I will teach all day on Mondays and then every morning, Mrs Wigglesworth will teach Tues-Fri afternoons and Mrs Spoerry will support every day.



Topic and DT: This term we have been learning about The Romans and asked “What did the Romans ever do for us?” In maths we will look at Roman Numerals and in our joint topic lessons with Y6 we are about to use Roman architecture and design to inspire our DT project as we build functioning aqueducts.

In **English** the our class book will be “There’s a boy in the girls’ bathroom” by Louis Sachar - *Bradley Chalkers is the oldest kid in the fifth grade. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with girls. No one likes him—except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. But when you feel like the most-hated kid in the whole school, believing in yourself can be the hardest thing in the world...*



We hope to inspire even the most reluctant writer to think and become creative as we study how writers use different structures to create coherence and impact and how they use different techniques to make a text come alive. We will use their ideas as a start point for our own writing.

If your child enjoys this book, then they might also enjoy other books by Louis Sachar e.g. Holes or follow this link for other ideas <https://www.goodreads.com/book/similar/639745-there-s-a-boy-in-the-girls-bathroom>

In **Maths** this half term, we will begin with a look at Money, then move on to Negative numbers and short multiplication and division. We will be applying our understanding to problems and reasoning with a keen focus on arithmetic. Maths homework will be sent home each week and to reinforce recent learning, but is still optional in year 5.



Science : Once we have finished forces, we will be looking into space. We will learn about The Solar System, the Motion of the Earth, Night and day and The Moon.

PE As we have both Forest school and swimming over the course of the year, we will only be doing PE once a week this half term: Tuesday afternoon. This half term, we will be practising our dance moves. Please remember to send your child in PE kit on Tuesdays.

French

Drawing on last half term's work, 'talking about where we live', Year 5 will examine how regular verbs operate in the present tense in French. Knowing how to form verbs correctly will equip the children to form meaningful and largely accurate sentences, a skill transferable between topics.

HOME LEARNING:

We will set optional maths homework each week and it will reinforce the learning in school.

- **Wednesday:** optional Maths homework, due back the following Wednesday
- **Book exchange:** on Monday. I will be asking the children to "magpie" from the books they read and they will need to make a note of any interesting phrases in their reading record book. Hopefully these will then be useful in future writing.

Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and ask questions to develop comprehensions skills. Please ask staff if you would like any help with this.

- **Half term project:** will be handed out next week and will be due in on **Monday 9th of Dec** for a Home learning gallery – all parents and carers invited.
- **The ½ termly Homework Sheets (English and Maths):** will be handed out next week to help your child practise key facts and skills at home.

Finally, if you have any artefacts or expertise in our area of learning this half term, please let us know or bring it in to share with the class.

Likewise, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team.

Best wishes,
Year 6 team.

Sandy Leach, Mrs Spoerry and Mrs Wigglesworth

Dates for Your Diary

- PE every Tuesday
- Parents consultations 12/11 and 14/11
- Open Classroom 8:45am to 9:30am 18/11
- Parent workshops 28/11 (evening sessions)
- Christmas Art day 26.11.24
- Home learning Gallery 9.12.24 8.45-9.30am
- Christmas Carol Concert 18.12.24
- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumpers 18.12.24
- KS2 Christmas party 19.12.24
- See general Newsletter for the Learning values for each week this term

