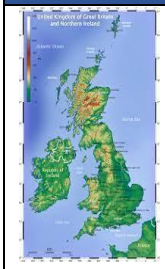
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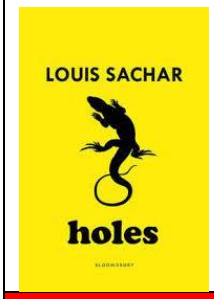
Autumn 1: Curriculum Overview

Geography- Our place



This term, Year 6 will explore **the** United Kingdom under the school-wide theme **Our Place,** focusing on naming and locating cities, counties, and topographical features. Students will analyse human and physical characteristics, examine land-use patterns, and investigate how these landscapes change over time. This learning will come to life through a direct comparison between Greater Manchester and Cumbria, directly linking to their school trip to Ghyll Head in the Lake District later in the year.

English



We will be reading Louis Sacher's '*Holes'* and using this as a basis for informal and formal letter writing, description, narrative and information reports. Guided Reading will focus on a range of fiction texts with weekly follow up tasks for the children to complete independently.

Handwriting: We will continue to use Letter Join for regular handwriting, practising joins and keeping sizing consistent.

Spelling: There will be a focus, at the start of the year, on the statutory Year 3/4 and 5/6 spelling list and we will continue using Spelling Shed for weekly practise.

Maths

In Year 4, children will deepen their understanding of **place value** and practise the **four operations** through problem-solving and real-life contexts. Regular **arithmetic sessions** and **times-tables practice up to 12 × 12** will build fluency, while **investigations** will encourage reasoning and applying skills in different ways.

Science



Light: How does light travel, reflect and refract? Children will learn how light travels in straight lines; how shadows appear larger or smaller; how refraction occurs and will be able to use scientific diagrams to explain their understanding of light.

Other Curriculum Areas

RE: What does religion say when life gets hard? This topic covers sensitive discussions around life after death. Please let us know if you think your child will need more support during these lessons.

DT: Structures and Bridges

French: Focusing on pronunciation

PE: Outdoor Adventurous Activities

PSHCE: Mental & Emotional Wellbeing and Zones of Regulation, focusing on helping pupils recognise and talk about their feelings, understand how emotions can affect thoughts and behaviour, and learn positive strategies for managing stress and change

Computing: Computer systems and networks

Brookburn Values:

This term, Year 5 and 6 will focus heavily on the core value of respect. As the oldest students in the school, they will explore what it means to show respect for themselves, their peers, and the wider community, while actively demonstrating this value as role models for younger children.



UN Convention of the Rights of the Child

We are proud to be a Rights Respecting Gold School. As the new term begins, each class will design their own class charter. A charter is a visual document that establishes an agreed set of rights-based principles upon which relationships can be based and which provide a language for shared values. This half term, we will be electing our new representatives for our 'Rights Council'.

Our school charter: *Article 2- The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.*
Article 12- Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.
Article 28- Every child has the right to an education.
Article 31- Every child has the right to relax and play.

Important Dates

PE days- Monday and Thursday
Homework- Set on a Friday and to be completed by the following Thursday. Spellings are tested on a Thursday
Meet the team: 10/09/26 at 3.45pm and 5.00pm
Weekly class emails begin: 18/09/26
Library visit: 23/09/26
Inclusion coffee morning- TBC
Dyslexia Awareness Week: 28/09/26
PTA disco: 22/10/26
Wear Red Day (show racism the red card): 16/10/26
Half-term- 3.30 Friday 23/10/26. Autumn 2 starts on 2/11/26