

Year 5

The Final Frontier



English

Holes by Louis Sachar

Through exploring the text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar children will reflect on the complexities of characters. They will create lively and interesting pieces of writing based around the text, taking on different roles. Children will also be writing discussion texts about 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' and studying the poem 'If'.

In guided reading lessons, children will be encouraged to develop their comprehension skills through group talk and exploration of the text. Children will learn to justify their findings and explore reasons for the author's choice of language.

Children will develop their confidence at presenting to an audience through hot seating and class discussions. Listening skills are highly valued and an ethos of mutual respect is developed within the classroom.

Maths

In Mathematics, the children's understanding of place value will be developed. The key written methods for all four operations will be covered and children will be learning to solve a range of mathematical problems and investigations.

Science, Geography and History

Science

Will we ever send another human to the moon?

As scientists, we will explore our solar system and discuss recent discoveries.

What is day and night? Together we will examine the rotation of planet Earth on its own axis.

Does the moon always change shape? Year 5 will explore the lunar cycle and the truth behind the Moon's apparent transformation.

History / Geography

What's so special about the USA?

As explorers, we will be using our map skills to locate the USA on a world map.

What major cities can we find in America? Children will use maps to provide four and six grid references to locate cities and other physical phenomenon in the USA. (Mountains, rivers, coast lines, lakes etc).

Art and Design

Popular artists such as Andy Warhol will be explored and used as inspiration to produce our very own modern Pop Art creations.

Technology

How could you travel around on the moon? Designing and making a wooden vehicle.

Computing:

Using Scratch to produce an animation, adding sound effects.

Using 'if', 'then' commands to select actions.

PE

Invasion Games: tag rugby.

Freedom Dance.

Swimming and self-rescue skills.

PSHE

Through class discussions, children will be taught how to solve conflicts in a restorative way.

RE

Beliefs and Actions in the World – what key beliefs influence people's faith and how do people of faith live out their lives?

Music

Children will be exploring the song 'Livin' On A Prayer'.

Languages

Learning to converse with each other in French based on home life.

Learning Values

Aspiration

Learning about the achievements of famous Americans, like Neil Armstrong.

Responsibility

In year 5, children will choose cities and planets to research.

Collaboration

Working collaboratively as young scientists to find the best fuel to launch their rocket.

Perseverance

To show determination when faced with challenges in programming and model making.

Discovery

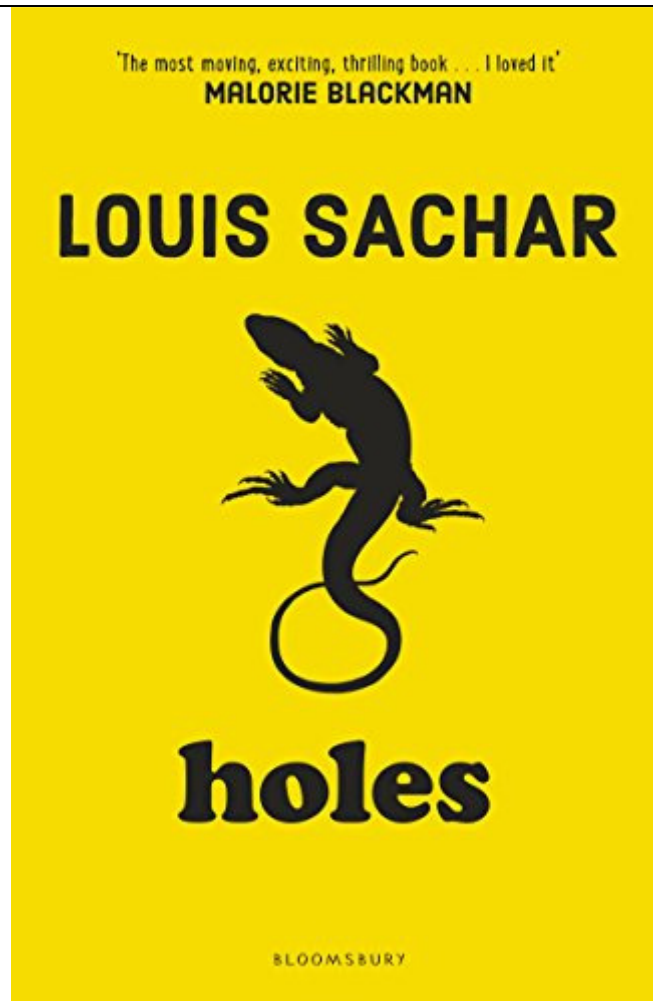
Through children following their own line of questioning and research they will discover for themselves secrets of the universe.

Growth Mindset

We will be focussing on the challenges we may face throughout the year and how we will overcome these.

Holes

by Louis Sachar



Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes.

It doesn't take long for Stanley to realise there is more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.

Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

Small Steps – Louis Sachar