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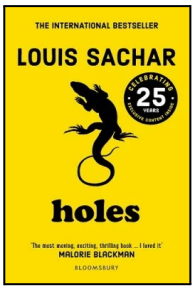
St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'

Autumn 2 - Learning Overview

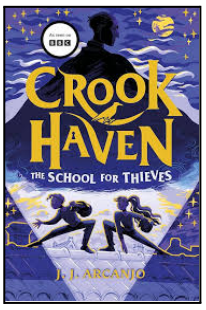
The Hook

1 - Holes by Louis Sachar



To begin our learning journey on Holes, Miss Young will transform into one of the juvenile inmates sent to a detention centre. The class will see the appalling living condition that Stanley, the protagonist of our story, will experience and be transported to the unforgiving, dry wasteland known as Camp Green Lake.

2 - Crookhaven by J.J. Arcanjo



To launch our new class text, *Crookhaven* by J.J. Arcanjo, the children will receive a mysterious, confidential invitation to attend an unusual school! They will then take part in their very own Crookhaven entrance examination, working in teams to crack secret codes, solve riddles, spot hidden clues and demonstrate their problem-solving skills. The children will have the opportunity to step into the mysterious world of Crookhaven and discover what it might take to earn a place at this extraordinary school!

What we will be teaching:

English:
In our Holes writing unit, the children will explore life from a character's perspective, writing their own

diary entries inspired by the novel. They will develop their ability to describe settings, characters and atmosphere, using effective vocabulary, dialogue and varied sentence structures to bring their writing to life. They will also focus on maintaining a consistent viewpoint and tense.

Alongside Crookhaven, the children will take on the role of persuasive writers, creating a letter or advertisement to convince others to join the School for Thieves! They will explore formal and informal language, use persuasive vocabulary and modal verbs to influence their audience, and develop their ability to organise ideas into cohesive paragraphs.

Maths:
During this term we work through units on: fractions, time and, geometry and measurement.

History/Geography:
This term there is a focus on History. Our topic is Crime and Punishment through the ages, discovering how laws, justice and consequences have changed from Roman Britain to the present day. Children will compare different periods in history, examine real historical sources and learn how societies have decided what is right, wrong and fair. This topic supports the National Curriculum by helping pupils develop chronological understanding, analyse historical evidence and understand how people's lives and beliefs have shaped systems of justice over time.

Science:
Our unit is space and gravity. The children have already shown great enthusiasm for this unit as we explored Nasa's live model of the solar system.

ART/DT:
This term the focus is on Design and Technology, specifically electrical systems with more complex switches. This project builds on prior knowledge from year 3/4. The class will use research to develop a design specification for a functional product that responds automatically to changes in the environment.

RE:
Incarnation: Was Jesus the Messiah? The children will become investigative journalists examining written evidence to help them answer our big question.

Computing:
This half term's unit is around creating media through video production. The children will create a story board to plan then film their own video.

PE:
Indoor PE is Dance this half term. The children will explore a series of different dance styles. We've kicked off the term with bollywood dancing, learning hand movements like the lotus and the deer. Outdoor PE is Netball (invasion games). Each week will focus on a different skill like pivoting or passing before we begin to play matches as a class.

French:
In Autumn 2 we will cover: the alphabet, greetings and phrases, french spellings/etymology of words and building up to brief conversation 'et tu'.

Messages to parents:

(UPDATED) PE days:

- Tuesday (outdoor)

- Friday (Indoor)

Remember to check the St John's jottings weekly for dates of upcoming events in school. This is emailed each Friday and is designed to keep our community up-to-date on important events in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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