

Year 6

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

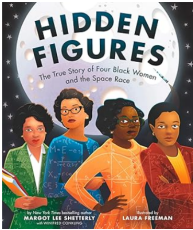
'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



Summer 1 - Learning Overview

Our Text Driver

Hidden Figures By Margot Lee Shetterley



This non-fiction text reveals the true story of the African-American female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations were vital to America's success in the Space Race. Set between World War II and the Cold War, the book follows the careers of four pioneering women—Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden.

Our writing will include an emotive letter in response to the experiences of these inspiring women and a biography.

What we will be teaching:

English:

During this half term, we will explore the power of our vocabulary choices through emotive and persuasive writing. We will intentionally vary our sentence and paragraph structures to impact our reader. We will continue to sharpen our cohesion across a piece of writing and employ a range of complex punctuation to add detail and interest for our reader.

Maths:

In Maths, we will continue to focus on reasoning problems and strategies for solving them. Whilst maintaining our excellent progress in arithmetic this year, we will also concentrate on time durations, algebra, capacity and volume as well as number sequences.

History/Geography:

In Geography, this unit allows us to explore both physical and human geography. We will continue learning about climate change and biomes and within this consider how **Fair Trade** affects communities. In History we will explore Ancient Civilisations -Mayan civilization c. AD 900 and compare this to what we already know about British history.

Science:

In science, we will embark on our exciting topic of sound. We will explore how/how far different sounds travel and how we receive and process them. We will also complete our unit on electrical circuitry

ART/DT:

In art we will begin our large painting unit. We will focus on creating portraits by mixing our own shades; colour matching natural shades. In DT we will explore textiles and design our own printed pieces to convey messages of support and encouragement for our peers during our year of transition to secondary school.

RE:

Within this unit we will focus on Buddhism and the concept of Dukkha.

Computing:

In this unit we will explore how media is created, focussing on Vector Graphics.

PE:

In PE, We begin our focus on outdoor and adventurous activities, starting with field athletics.

French:

In this subject, we will continue to develop our fluency, engaging in conversation topics explored

throughout the year. We will learn to initiate French conversation with our peers as well as respond. We will learn to give French encouragement as we approach changes and challenges this year.

Music:

This is a singing unit and explores tempo, duration and structure - perfect for our upcoming show.

PDL:

In this unit, we will be thinking about resilience and working towards goals.

Messages to parents:

We hope you had a good Easter break.

A few updates & reminders:

PE continues to be Thursdays and Fridays.

The 2026 Key Stage 2 (KS2) SATs for Year 6 pupils in England will take place over four days, from Monday, 11 May to Thursday, 14 May 2026. These mandatory assessments include papers in English grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading, and mathematics to measure pupil progress at the end of primary school.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

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