

This half-term, we are learning...

Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	This half-term, we will be reading the novel Holes, by Louis Sachar before writing a setting description of Camp Green Lake. We will also take inspiration from the book to create our own non-linear narrative. Throughout the half-term, we will continue to develop our English skills & prepare for the SATs.	SATs are fast approaching (w/c May 9 th). For extra practice at home, we would recommend: Encouraging your child to practise the 5/6 spelling words.
Reading	The children will complete some extra reading activities in preparation for their upcoming SATs. They will be learning how to answer a variety of question types through a range of engaging texts, which will all be linked to topics in the wider curriculum.	SATs are fast approaching (w/c May 9 th). For extra practice at home, we would recommend: Reading Plus. https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login . This is a package the school uses to help boost reading, specifically for SATs. All children have their username & password, but please ask the class teacher if you are unsure.
Maths	This half-term, the children will be revising the whole content of the KS2 curriculum in preparation for their SATs tests. The main areas we will focus on revising in class will be fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as word problems involving units of measure.	SATs are fast approaching (w/c May 9 th). For extra practice at home, we would recommend: My Mini Maths. https://myminimaths.co.uk/ The children have been shown how to navigate the website. There are lots of practice questions & videos showing children how to work out their answers.
Science - Biology	In science, we will explore evolution & inheritance. The children will be looking at how living things have changed over time & that fossils provide us with information about how living things inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.	Research Mary Anning – an English fossil collector, dealer, & palaeontologist, who became known around the world for the discoveries she made.

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<p>PE</p>	<p>The children will be developing their skills in tennis & orienteering this half-term. In orienteering, we will be working together as a team & learning how to use a map to follow a route.</p>	<p>Make sure your child arrives at school in their PE kit on Mondays, so that they can fully participate in all PE activities.</p>
<p>DT</p>	<p>In a cooking & nutrition topic, we will be creating savoury quiches. The children will evaluate menus, ingredients, flavours & different combinations of flavours. They will also design & make their own take away packaging for the quiches they make.</p>	<p>If you find any interesting packaging (e.g. Happy Meal boxes, Easter egg packaging) open it up to investigate its net shape. You may also wish to bring in any packaging to share & discuss with the class.</p>
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>In PSHE, our topic is relationships. We will be discussing the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the qualities of a healthy relationship? • Who can we talk to if something makes us feel unhappy or worried? • How can we recognise & respond to pressure from others to do something unsafe or makes us feel worried? • What is consent? • How can we report feeling unsafe? 	<p>Have discussions with your child about different relationships & who they can speak to if they ever feel unsafe or worried.</p>

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Maths	This half-term, the children will be revising the whole content of the KS2 curriculum in preparation for their transition to secondary school. We will be placing a particular emphasis on problem solving. Maths, when applicable, will be linked to topic work to allow the children to develop skills in different contexts.	For extra practice at home, we would recommend: 'My Mini Maths', Year 6 to 7 transition - Free help with maths transition (myminimaths.co.uk) This section of the website has been specifically designed to help support children's transition to secondary school.
History	The children will be exploring how crimes were punished in the past & comparing this with today's punishments. They will look as far back in history as the Romans, as well as examining more recent eras, such as the Victorian age.	Children could explore the York Dungeon website to help them design a poster warning criminals to behave or face the consequences! https://www.thedungeons.com/york/whats-inside/what-is-the-dungeon/
Geography	We will be learning about how our world is changing. The children will explore issues such as: how our coast lines/landscapes are constantly changing, the impact that humans are having on the environment & what the future of our planet might be...	The BBC have produced some amazing shows about these topics, such as 'Planet Earth', 'Coast' & 'The Blue Planet'. Many of these programmes are available to watch on BBC iPlayer & could be a fun & relaxing way of deepening your child's understanding of our topic. www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006mywy/planet-earth

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PE	The children will be playing cricket & practising their athletic skills. They will learn about the different strategies/techniques required to run different distances & also develop good throwing techniques.	Make sure your child arrives at school in their PE kit on Thursdays, so that they can fully participate in all PE activities.
DT	This half-term we will be designing & making 'Automata Animals'. The children will have the opportunity to further develop their understanding of mechanical systems. They will also learn about controlling movement with a cam mechanism.	Research endangered animals at home as inspiration for the automata animals.
PSHE	<p>In PSHE, our topic is 'Staying Safe.' We will be discussing the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we deal with common injuries? • How can we protect our personal information online? • What do we do if there is an issue with something we see online? • What are the laws relating to drugs common to everyday life & illegal drugs? 	Have discussions with your child about how they can stay safe online.