

English

As readers and writers we will step into a world of mystery and suspense through our class text **Orion Lost**. We will also look at **The Boy in the Tower**, using it as inspiration to craft our own warning stories that keep readers gripped from beginning to end. Later in the term, we will delve into the much-loved novel **Holes** by Louis Sachar, using its themes and characters to inspire our own "defeat the villain" stories, packed with tension, action and triumphant endings. Throughout these units, we will develop a range of writing skills to engage, entertain and inform our readers. Our second Guided Reading text will be **Limitless** by Tim Peake linked to our science.

Maths

As mathematicians we will be reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers to at least a million and understand negative numbers in context, counting forward and backwards through zero. Also, we will be strengthening our mental strategies to add and subtract. Building on our Year 4 work, we will consolidate our written formal methods for the four operations to solve problems.

Art

As artists we will analyse the work of Peter Thorpe and Marcus Motum as inspiration to create our own space themed artwork using collage, painting and drawing.

MFL

As linguists we will be learning how to discuss ourselves in French.



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Learning Overview Summary

Discovery

Key Concepts: Identify, Belonging and Safety

Science

As scientists we will be investigating our own solar system and our place within it. Also, we will describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system, including seasons and moon phases. In our Forces unit, we will explore the different forces such as gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction and the impact they have on moving objects.

History

As historians we will travel back in time to explore the fascinating world of the earliest civilisations, with a particular focus on Ancient Egypt. We will discover where and when these remarkable civilisations first developed and investigate the many achievements that helped shape the world we live in today and how they influenced future generations.

Physical Education

As athletes we will consolidate skills for attacking and defending through the sports of netball and hockey. In gymnastics, will be consolidating key skills before developing vault skills. In dance, we will combine flexibility and technique to create and perform a dance.

RE

As citizens we will understand what it is like to belong and rituals in a Muslim's life to show how they belong to their religion. We will also then look at warnings surrounding the Christmas story in Christianity.

PSHE

As British citizens we will be understanding how a growth mindset can be beneficial in different contexts and how to keep ourselves and others safe on and off line. Also, to end the term, we will explore different relationships and acceptable relationships.

Computing

As computer scientists we will explore the coding language of conditions in programming using Scratch . Using Powerpoint, we will create a slideshow with images text, audio, transitions and animations for a specific audience.

Design and Technology

As designers we will learn the skill of kneading through our cooking and nutrition unit in order to plan, bake and evaluate focaccia bread.

Music

As musicians we will compose and perform melodies to depict space travel using a range of note lengths.

Geography

As geographers we will be identifying the human and physical features of North America. We will look at its longitude and latitude as well as identifying major cities. We will then identify geographical similarities and differences between USA and the UK.