

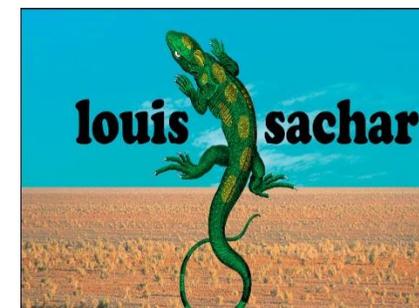
## How can you help your child?

### With their learning...

- ✓ Talk with your child about their school work, topics and the world around them.
- ✓ Hear your child read regularly and help them to learn spellings strategies.
- ✓ Visit the library and help your son/daughter to choose books to read for pleasure and to support their topics.
- ✓ Encourage them to use Mathletics at home on a tablet or computer.
- ✓ Play TT Rockstars to improve speed and accuracy of times tables.
- ✓ Please check your child's planner daily.
- ✓ Sign the planner every week (at the bottom of the page) so that we know homework has been completed and that all communication between home and school has been shared.
- ✓ Please help your child learn their times tables. You can find them in their planners. There are also plenty of APPs for tablets that are useful if used regularly – just search 'times tables'.

### With practical issues...

- ✓ Ensure that your child has the correct P.E. Kit in school every day.
- ✓ Children should wear a tie with winter uniform.
- ✓ Summer uniform can be worn, if preferred.
- ✓ Children should not wear nail varnish or jewellery (other than a watch and / or stud earrings) for school.
- ✓ Don't forget that if your child wishes to have their ears pierced, the best time is the beginning of the summer holidays as it is
- ✓ Dudley policy that children cannot wear any kind of earrings during PE lessons.
- ✓ Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons.
- ✓ Please ensure that all uniform is marked with the child's name.



### Maths

In Maths, all aspects of the National Curriculum will be covered. In particular, we will be working on fluency of maths, rapid recall of times tables, the 4 operations, real life problems and reasoning.

### English

This term, our **writing** will be inspired by the text 'Holes'. We will concentrate on developing sentence structure and punctuation through a variety of genres including the correct and appropriate use of Alan Peat Sentences (APS). Our **reading** will focus on vocabulary, phonics, fluency and expression.

**Comprehension** will be developed through targeted questioning and reading journal activities. Weekly **spelling** tests will be taking place. Children have been given a copy of the spellings in their green spelling books which should be taken home daily. The children will be assessed through dictation and written work.

### Geography

In geography, deserts around the world will be studied and used to find out about how animals and people survive in different climates.

### PE

The children will be focusing on tennis and athletics, developing their co-ordination, movement and ball skills. PE is on a Wednesday for 56D and a Friday for both 56B & 56R.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will look at what affects mental health and ways to take care of it. Managing change, loss, time online and transition will also be studied. Children will be taught how to keep personal information safe and how to make sensible choices.



**Music** - In music, the children will be singing in parts and adding musical instruments. Year 6 will be rehearsing for their leavers' production.

### History

During the term, we will be studying the history of crime and punishment.

### Computing

In computing this term, the children will be developing their word processing and the use of ICT for communicating effectively. E-safety will be an important theme.

### Science

The children will be studying Light and Forces.

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### 'Holes'

This term we will be studying the text 'Holes'. We will be exploring the themes of new beginnings, moving on and experiencing new things. This will link to our Rights Respecting Charter, Article 13 in particular: You have the right to find out new things and share them with others.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr Baker, Mr Raybould & Miss Dorricott

### RE

The children will be studying beliefs from around the world, including Christianity and Islam.

**D&T** We will be developing our creativity by designing and making our own marble maze.

**Art** In art, the children will experience photography and sketching.

### Year 6 Booster Groups until May 10th

On Tuesday afternoons, Year 6 will continue to have the opportunity to work in smaller groups to build their skills and confidence for the end of KS2 tests. Mr Baker, Miss Stanton and Mrs Miller will be teaching these sessions. While these take place, Year 5 will be investigating a new topic of Ancient Egypt. This will be with Mr Raybould & Miss Dorricott

### Homework

Daily : Spelling Practice

Daily : Reading

Daily : Times Tables Practice (including the use of TT Rock Stars & [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk))

Wednesday: English/Maths set - to be **completed by Tuesday**.

For your attention: It is very important that your child's planner is kept safely and returned to school each day. This provides evidence at the end of the year of your child's progress in reading. Could you please sign your child's planner weekly.