

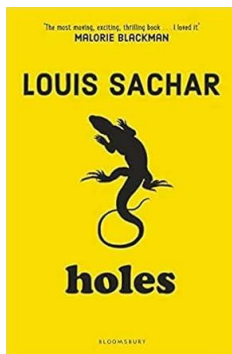
Welcome to Owl Class!

Maafa

Our topic for this term is Maafa. This topic teaches children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

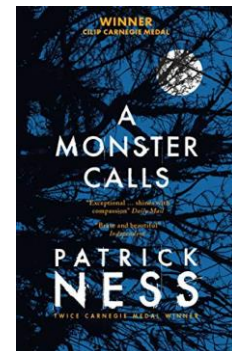


English



We will be reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The mature themes of this book are closely linked to our Maafa topic.

We will also be using the book 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness to provide inspiration and ideas for our own creative writing.



Maths

Our focus will be on place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division and fractions. During term one we will begin to practice answer SATs style questions to prepare the children for their springtime assessments. In Maths we will continue to practice our multiplications using Times Table Rockstars which is an app that your children can access at home.

Science



Our **science** topic is the human circulatory system. The project teaches children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

RE

Our RE topic for this term will be 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary. During this topic children will be identifying what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is. In addition to this they will make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief and God as Creator. Ultimately, the children will use these discussions to weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complimentary, with a scientific account.



Art



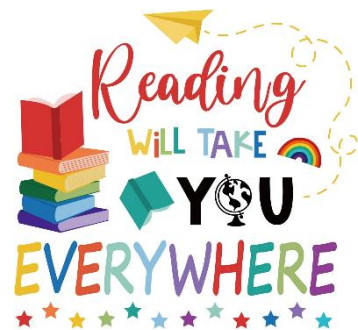
The children will be looking at how expressionist artists explored their personal emotions and experiences through their art. Children will be exposed to a number of notable expressionist artist, analyse the techniques they used and have a go at producing their own expressionist artwork.

PE

This term **P.E.** will take place on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. All children need to wear their P.E. kit in school on those days. No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons therefore the children need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the mornings before school.

Homework

Homework will be set **every Friday**. Children will be given homework to complete each week. Along with this we expect children to be practicing their times tables, this can be done on TTRS which they will have log ins for. If your child doesn't have access to a computer at home we can find them time in school for them to catch up without missing out.



****Accelerated Reader (AR)****

We will be using Accelerated Reader (AR) to monitor children's progress with reading. Please ensure your child is reading at home for at **least 20 minutes per day**. Children's AR logins will be sent home in the first week of school and they can complete quizzes on books they have read at home and in school. Children will need to remember to bring their AR books into school each day for AR reading sessions in class.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Wymer