



Rock Class Summer 1



Reading

Each day, our reading sessions focus on developing children's fluency, deepening their understanding of texts, and their ability to answer questions about what they've read. This half term, our reading materials will include a range of engaging texts linked to our geography topic on the world's oceans. Our class text will be *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold.



Our Main Topic

I Can See the Sea

Our main topic this half term, is a geography topic all about the seas and oceans, which cover over 70 percent of our planet. We will look at the differences between a sea and an ocean, and identify the Earth's 5 oceans. Our investigation of these vast bodies of water will look at the incredible biodiversity found in the oceans, and why these ocean environments are vital to the health of our planet. We will also look at the important role the world's oceans play in the water cycle. To finish the topic we will look at the impact human activity is having on our oceans and the steps we can take to help protect them.

English

This half term, Year Six will be preparing for the SATs, which take place in the week beginning Monday 11th May. Pupils will be revising grammar, spelling and reading questions to support their preparation.

As a class, we will also be working on creating a persuasive text linked to our science learning about space and the solar system. The children will be writing an imaginative persuasive leaflet promoting their very own space hotel.

Year Five will also have a strong focus on developing neat, fluent handwriting throughout the half term.



Maths

In our daily maths lessons, Year Six will be covering all aspects of the curriculum in preparation for their SATs in May. Each day we will focus on and cover a different mathematical concept. We will be particularly focusing on reasoning and problem solving, as the children have very strong arithmetic skills.

Year Five children will be working on decimals and percentages in class.



PE Days

Children in Rock Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings their named PE kit on both days so they can fully participate in all activities. This half term, Rock Class will be covering cricket skills on Tuesday and tennis on Friday.

Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your children to complete their weekly homework. It is wonderful to see so many children handing in homework every week. Please continue to take time to hear your child read and remember to sign their reading diary to celebrate their progress.

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. To support times tables practice, children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars, with weekly certificates awarded to the highest scorer.

