

Rock Class - Autumn 1



Reading

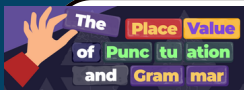
Each day, our reading sessions focus on developing children's fluency, deepening their understanding of texts, and strengthening their ability to answer questions about what they have read. This half term, our reading materials will include a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our main topic on the Mayans and our science topic Earth and Space..

To end each day, we enjoy sharing a carefully chosen class story. This term, we will be reading

Our Main Topic

Geography This half-term, the Geography curriculum focuses on environmental sustainability under the topic title, "How do we reduce plastic waste?" Pupils will examine the manufacturing process of plastic and investigate why single-use plastics pose a significant threat to global ecosystems. Throughout the unit, students will collaborate to develop practical solutions for reducing personal and community plastic consumption.

History Towards the conclusion of the half-term, pupils will commence their new History unit exploring the evolution of Crime and Punishment through different historical eras.



English

This half term, Rock Class will focus on strengthening sentence structure and core grammar. Pupils will explore nouns, verbs, and verb tenses, while learning how selecting different word classes improves sentence cohesion.

Students will apply these skills in independent writing, specifically planning, drafting, and publishing non-chronological reports. They will learn to organize information with headings and subheadings, use clear, factual language, and incorporate subject-specific vocabulary. Finally, pupils will practice editing their work to refine accuracy, flow, and overall impact.



Maths

In our daily maths lessons, pupils will practice times tables regularly to build numerical fluency, speed, and confidence. To ensure thorough preparation for the statutory SATs assessments in May, children will also engage in targeted arithmetic practice every morning, sharpening their core mental and written calculation methods.

Our primary curriculum focus begins with understanding place value in large numbers up to 10,000,000, enabling students to read, write, order, and compare values in this range with accuracy. Following this, pupils will consolidate and advance their skills in multi-digit addition and subtraction, applying these strategies to solve complex, multi-step word problems and mathematical reasoning tasks



PE Days

Children in Rock Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children can wear their PE kit to school on these days, and on a Friday when we complete our Active Mile.



Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your children to at home. It is wonderful to see the children settling into Y6 so well. Please continue to take time to hear your child read and remember to sign their reading diary to celebrate their progress. At present the children will be required to read every day and will also have some arithmetic to practise as well and will be given out on Fridays.

To support times tables practice, children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars, with weekly certificates awarded to the highest scorer.