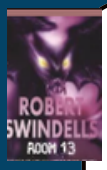
Rock Class - Autumn 2



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 history of crime and punishment in Britain and our science topic electricity.

To end each day, we enjoy sharing a carefully chosen class story. This term, we will be reading Robert Swindells' Room 13, which will link to our work in Literacy.

Our Main Topic

History: This half-term, we will be learning about crime and punishment through British history. Children will investigate how laws were enforced and how punishments evolved from the Roman era, through the Saxon, Tudor and Victorian periods, right up to modern Britain.



English

This half-term, Rock Class will focus on developing sentence structure and key grammar skills. Pupils will explore nouns, verbs and verb tenses, while learning how different word classes can be used to create cohesive and engaging writing. They will also use a range of grammatical features to enhance description and improve the overall impact of their work.

Students will apply these skills through two exciting writing outcomes inspired by Dracula. They will plan, draft and publish a letter based on Harker's correspondence to Dracula, as well as a vivid setting description of the atmospheric Whitby Abbey. Throughout the unit, pupils will focus on selecting ambitious vocabulary, crafting detailed descriptions and editing their work to improve accuracy, cohesion and effect.



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.

This half-term, Rock Class will focus on developing a secure understanding of fractions and measurement. Pupils will build fluency in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions, including mixed numbers, and will learn how to find fractions of amounts. They will apply these skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving activities, explaining their methods and justifying their answers.



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 a reading comprehension, which will be given out on Fridays to be returned the following Friday.

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

If you have any questions, concerns or information about your child to share, please feel free to pop in for a chat—we are always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Finch