

P.E

We have P.E lessons on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child **brings** the correct P.E kit on these days (no jewellery and long hair tied back). If your child is unable to participate in a P.E lesson, please send a note giving reasons. Should the correct PE kit not be worn, children will have to wear shared PE kit from the school stock.

Reading

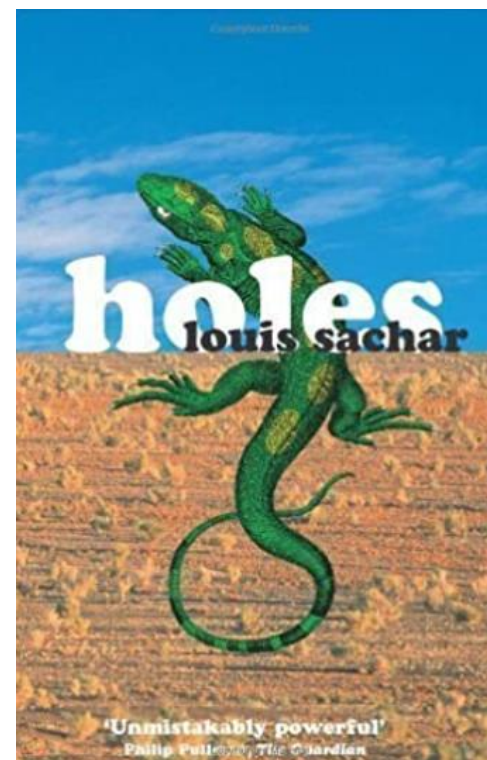
Children should choose a book from the class library to read at home every night. It is important that your child has the opportunity to read at home every day. When your child reads, please ensure they record their progress and fill out a log book that will allow both teachers and parents to monitor your child's reading. These books should be brought into class **every day** to be checked by the teacher. Keeping up with reading at a high level is a sure way of developing literacy skills and expanding vocabulary knowledge. The focus on daily reading will continue throughout the year.

Homework

In Key Stage 2 this year we are going to be completing Genius Work for our homework. Each half term the children will be challenged to complete a project about something that they are interested in. They can choose anything they like, from cooking to photography, as long as it is something that they are passionate about. The children will be asked each week how they are getting on with their project and will have the opportunity to present their project to the class at the end of the half term. To accompany this, the children will receive a weekly list of spelling and times table work. These will be handed out on a Friday.

Class 5 Newsletter

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Spring term 2



Holes

Welcome back to another half-term at St Gabriel's. We hope you enjoyed the break and are eager to hit the ground running again. We are officially half way through the school year and the children have been doing great. They have worked well to develop good working habits and consistent routines. We will expect this to continue for the remainder of the year and would like to thank you all for the support that you have provided already in making sure that your child is reading every day, is working on extra tasks at home and arrives at school on time every morning dressed in full school uniform.

This term, expectations will be raised as we aim to encourage the children to reach their potential and to become responsible for their own learning.

As well as our regular lessons, children and adults will work hard to build resilience and well-being whilst ensuring we keep each other as safe as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity in advance, to thank parents for their support with trips. Our trips depend on parent volunteers so if you have the availability to join us it would be greatly appreciated.

St Gabriel's has very high expectations of every single child in Class 5. At times this can be challenging, however we are confident that our high expectations ensure every child reaches their potential. We are committed to ensuring your child is supported in achieving their best and so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to arrange a time to meet with me either before or after school.

Miss Mets

This term

Maths: To start the term in Mathematics we will be looking at division while exploring remainders. We will then move onto fractions to learn how to multiply fractions and find fractions of an amount. This will lead us into decimals and percentages and their relationships with fractions.

Literacy: This term in Literacy we will be reading the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. The class will explore the main ideas and concepts of the texts before completing a range of forms that relate directly to it including; diary entries, an information text and a persuasive letter. Whilst studying this text and completing the different forms, the children will focus on their use of synonyms and antonyms, their use of adverbials and using parenthesis.

Science: Our Science topic this term is 'Circle of life'. In this topic children look at life cycles of various species - including mammals, amphibians and birds. They also look at and describe the life process of reproduction in plants and animals.

Humanities: This half term we will describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including minerals.

We will also locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe, North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and countries.

Religion: Our topic this term is 'What happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?'. The class will learn how the rituals of the church during Lent and Holy week represent the different parts of Jesus' journey.

DT: We will be exploring mechanical systems to create a functional four-page pop-up storybook design, using lever, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms.

Computing: We will be learning how to design, create and evaluate a computer game.

PE: This term we will be learning how to perform and choreograph movements in time with music.

MFL: This term we will be learning about the Romans in Spanish. Through the medium of this familiar period of history, pupils will be taught the skills to understand slightly longer and more complicated text. Pupils will learn to 'gist' read, listen and understand more by using cognates and more familiar language to decode unknown language.

PSHE: We will be exploring mental health, what it is, and factors that can help and hinder it. We will also be looking at responding to intense or conflicting feelings.

Music: This term our class will continue to develop their abilities to perform rhythmic patterns with a strong sense of pulse. We will also be learning to read a range of rhythmic phrases.

