



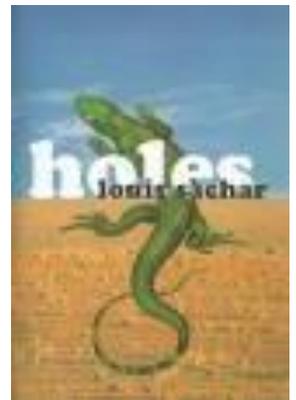
# Year 6

Newsletter to parents

Autumn Term 2016

Welcome to Year 6, we all hope you have had a restful break over the summer. The Autumn Term is an extremely busy start to an important year for all Year 6 pupils.

The theme for the first half term is "Jail Break!". The topic will be cross-curricular, incorporating aspects of history, geography, art, science, maths and literacy. We will be studying the changes in crime and punishment from the Anglo-Saxons to the present day, as well as studying art with a message and creating our own using a variety of mediums. In Science, we will be exploring light and electricity and using our knowledge to create escape equipment and alarm systems.



Each term, the class will be focusing on a quality novel that will move on their learning. This term, we have selected Holes by Louis Sachar. The children are already becoming immersed in the book and are loving it! This text will inform our writing, as well as reading comprehension.

We are all very excited about the trip to the Isle of Wight from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn and challenge themselves in an outdoor environment, and develop their independence and maturity.



**Reading:** The children are expected to read aloud to an adult regularly at home and a record of their reading should be kept in their new reading record books. Please make sure that you still do this and ask them questions about the text they have read as this will help them to prepare for exam style questions. Please understand that although your child may be able to read words very well, it may not necessarily mean that they understand them or the context in which they are reading.

**Spellings:** Children will bring home spelling work to carry out at home weekly. This work will be issued on a Friday and will need to be returned for the following Friday's spelling lesson. It may involve an investigation based around spelling rules or may involve using vocabulary learnt in class in context.

**Home learning:** Home learning will relate to your child's classroom work. This will be given out on Friday and is to be returned by Wednesday of the following week. The children will notice that more homework is expected this year; please help them to manage their time carefully and not leave everything until the last minute.

**PE:** The children will require both their outdoor and indoor PE kits on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will be developing their fitness through circuit training and football for the first half of the term, followed by dance and netball for the second half.

Where possible, we will be outside so warm clothing is essential, although the hall will be used in wet weather, and for dance lessons. PE is just as much a part of the curriculum as all the other subjects; therefore, should your child be unable to take part please let us know either verbally or through letter. Please also ensure that inhalers and medication are in school and PE kits are fully named.



We are sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy their final year at Manor Fields and find it both challenging and rewarding. Should you have any queries at all please feel free to email or call in and speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kanabahita, Mrs Sears and Mrs Cutmore