

Etal Class Overview – Summer 2 2019

Topic: Earth from Space

Subject	What we will learn this half term
English	<p>Our class book this half term is Louis Sachar’s <i>Holes</i>: a story of a boy sent to Camp Green juvenile detention centre in a Texas desert, after being wrongly accused of theft, who soon discovers that there is more going on at the camp than meets the eye. Stanley tries to dig up the truth in a darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.</p> <p>We will use this book to inspire our writing, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal letter • Persuasive advert • Explanation text
Maths	<p>This half term we will be applying problem solving mathematical skills to a range of investigations, with real life contexts.</p>
Science	<p>Scientists and Inventors</p> <p>Last half term, we started learning about significant scientists and their work. We will continue with this during this half term and use this learning to create and conduct our own scientific investigations.</p> <p>We will be focusing on the work of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Hawking • Libbie Hyman • The DNA Race • Alexander Fleming • Mary Leakey • Steve Jobs
Humanities (History & Geography)	<p>Earth from Space</p> <p>This half term, we will be exploring the different land and seascapes that make up our planet and how Earth has, and is, changing- both from a physical and human geography perspective.</p> <p>We will focus our learning on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deserts • Our blue planet • Major weather events • Comparing deserts to rainforests • The impacts of Earths changing surface
Art & D&T	<p>Lost Words</p> <p>Having been inspired by the poetry and illustrations when reading Lost Words, a spell-book emphasising all the words of nature that are being lost from children’s vocabulary, we will be creating watercolour illustrations to go alongside our own Lost Word poems.</p> <p>North American Art</p> <p>Making links to the setting of our class book, Holes, and our Geography</p>

	<p>topic, we will be studying the work of famous artists and photographers to create a range of art pieces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketching the other half • Making own landscapes in collage • Abstract painting • Architecture focused modelling • Exploring colour in patterns • Photography and art in a 'reading picture'
RE	<p>Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is commitment? • How commitment is demonstrated in coming-of-age rituals • Sacrifice • Fasting • Marriage • How do you remain committed?
PSHE	<p>Transition</p> <p>We will be focusing on the transitions that children will make as they prepare to leave primary school. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with Duchess Community High School (including transition trips to DCHS) • Transition Beach Day with other local schools • Workshops with Claire Mead
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rounders • Athletics
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding using Scratch to create animations • Power point presentations
Music	<p>Music this half term will involve preparation for Year 6's Leavers assembly!</p>
French	<p>Family and Friends</p> <p>Children will continue to apply and develop their skills and knowledge of areas such as animals, home and family to extend their conversational abilities. They will consolidate understanding of descriptive language and learn how adjectives must 'agree' with the noun.</p>

Homework this half term will comprise of a half-term project which children are expected to complete sections on weekly, before presenting in the final week of term. The outline of this will be sent home with your child, and is also available on the school website.

Class spelling and times table tests are weekly, each Friday. A copy of our Homework Policy is on the school website.

Useful Links

Maths:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years>

<https://play.prodigygame.com/>

English:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/index.html>

Topic:

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/earth/>

Science:

https://www.ducksters.com/biography/scientists/scientists_and_inventors.php