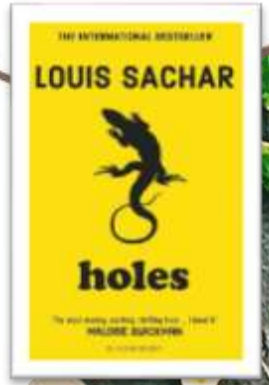
OAKS CLASS 2025-26
Autumn 2: COMING TO AMERICA

READING

As readers, we will engage with whole class texts based on North America to improve our inference, sequencing & summarising, retrieval, explanation and predicting skills whilst learning new vocabulary. We will be reading **'Holes by Louis Sachar** as our class. We will be reading for pleasure as much as we can to build vocabulary, discover new worlds and grow our imaginations.

OUR CLASS NOVEL...



HOMEWORK

Spellings will be given out on a **MONDAY** to be completed by the following **MONDAY, including Spelling Shed Homework**.

Children should be **reading** at home for pleasure as often as possible – at least 3x a week.

Continue to practice gaining **rapid** and **automatic** recall of all times tables up to 12x12

Planners in every **MONDAY**.

WRITING

As writers, we will be writing a newspaper report based on the book **Snow White in New York by Fiona French** and writing an explanation text based on our DT project.

We will continue to focus on presentation and handwriting, grammatical and spelling accuracy and effective editing.

We will also be making ambitious and precise word choices and learning how to use some higher level punctuation to improve cohesiveness.

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on…

MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION – multiples, factors, prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000

FRACTIONS – equivalent fractions, converting from mixed to improper and back again, comparing and ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions

SCIENCE

As scientists, our topic is **properties and changes of materials**. We will be comparing and grouping materials on the basis of their properties and use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases. We will be dissolving, mixing, separating and looking at reversible changes.
We will be testing hypothesis, explaining results and evaluating our experiments as well as designing further experiments. We will use scientific enquiry to investigate and carry out research. We will use comparative and fair testing and look for patterns.
We will also identify, group and classify.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

GEOGRAPHY: The Americas

ART: Art inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat using mixed media

MUSIC: Listening based on *Shadows* by Lindsey Stirling: timbre, instrumentation and expression

COMPUTING: programming

RE: Christmas

FRENCH: homes and houses

PE

PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Children can come into school in their PE kits on these days.

On Tuesdays, the children will be taught by Miss Collins and on Fridays, they will be taught by Mr Bissett.

This half term we will be learning and improving on all the skills to be ~~able~~ to play basketball and unihoc

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THINK POSITIVE

During the sessions with Mrs Jackson, we will be exploring thoughts, feelings and behaviours and how they influence one another; discussing strategies to help with unhelpful thoughts; and looking at the difference between a fixed and a growth mindset.

USEFUL INFO

Miss Collins and Mrs Jackson will teach the children on Tuesday afternoons.

ACTIVE AFTERNOONS:

- *10th November*
- *8th December*

The children will be taught by Mr Bissett.











PLEASE REMEMBER

- No pencil cases in Oaks Class
- Black shoes inside with uniform
- Bring a spare pair of shoes for break times, *e.g. old trainers*
- No jewellery – only stud earrings
- Tie long hair up on PE days
- Bring a water bottle each day
- Bring a 'reading for pleasure' book from home if you like, or use the school library