

## Sycamore Class – Year 5/6

### Summer Term 2026

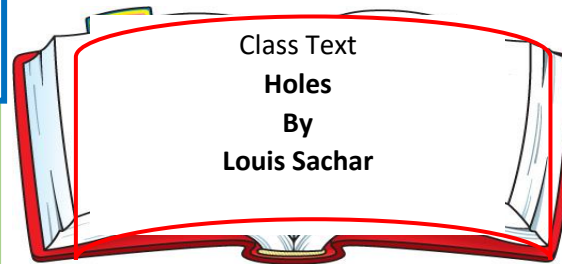
**As writers,** we will be reading the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar: Stanley has been unjustly sent to Camp Green Lake. He soon realises there is more than just character improvement going on. What is the warden looking for and what could be buried under the dried-up lake? We will be writing our own action and adventure stories using the novel as a stimulus.

**As musicians,** after half term we will be learning to sing and play the melody of *Kisne banaaya*; sing in a 4 part round accompanied with a pitched ostinato; composing a simple accompaniment using tuned instruments; creating and performing our own class arrangement.

**As scientists,** we will be studying *Evolution and Inheritance*: recognising that living things have changed over time and identifying how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

**As linguists,** we will be learning how to order food, talk about healthy eating and food preferences.

**As readers,** we will continue to develop our prosody skills (reading aloud fluently and with appropriate expression). When discussing, analysing and writing about texts, we will continue to hone our inference skills and develop our ability to justify our opinions by using evidence from the text. Regular 'Whole Class Reading' of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts will help us to do this, as will performing our own written work.



**As artists and designers,** we will be designing and constructing a working Roman catapult.

**As mathematicians,** we will be focusing on equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then learn about ratio and algebra.

**As thinkers,** we will be investigating the big question of 'Why do some people believe God exists?'  
In **Life Skills** our topic is Relationships.

**As historians and geographers,** we will be doing a local history study of Roman York. We will study the Romanisation of Britain, in particular construction, technology, culture and beliefs.

**In Computing,** we will be using Adobe to design web pages and learn about photo editing.

#### Links to our ARC school values

**Aspiration** – we will aspire to do our best in every lesson, every day and to fulfil our potential as learners and in all other aspects of our lives. **Respect** – we will treat everyone around us with respect and consideration. We will also respect ourselves by appreciating our worth and looking after our physical and mental health. **Community** – We will welcome new, and returning, adults and children into our Naburn family and ensure that they feel at home as quickly as possible.

**PE** – children will have **PE every Friday** this half term .

**Homework** – spellings are sent home each week and times tables should continue to be practised regularly. Additional, voluntary **Home Learning activities** can also be chosen (please see website). Please share your child's work with their teacher as we would love to celebrate it. **Y5/6 should read for 20 minutes 5x per week** and this should be recorded in their reading records. Reading books and Records must be brought into school every day please.