

Physical Education: PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our PE teacher, Mr Inglis, will teach the Monday slot and the class teacher will teach the Wednesday session. All children must keep their PE kit in school. Full PE kit consists of white T-shirt/polo shirt, black shorts/joggers/leggings, and trainers or pumps.

Geography: Within this area, we will explore Natural Disasters, focusing on the continent of North America. After this, we will learn about: earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis and hurricanes. Finally, we look at the impact of these natural disasters on people, communities including poverty and migration.



French: We will continue to deliver some fun and practical French sessions, through which children will be given the opportunity to further develop their language skills, whilst also revising some key vocabulary from previous years. This term,

Homework: Homework this term will be mostly set using the CGP books, where children will have a Maths and English book. Homework will be given on Fridays and will then be due the following Wednesday. Homework will also include spelling practice, where children will be taught a weekly spelling rule in class and will practice at home on Emile. Finally, as part of homework, there is an expectation for children to **read at least 3 times a week**. This should be recorded in reading records and given to teachers by Friday each week.

National Coal Mining Museum Visits

We are excited to share with you that we will be visiting the National Coal Mining Museum. The day will include an underground mine tour, access to mining exhibitions and access to the discovery centre.

Y5 - Wednesday 28th February

Y6- Thursday 29th February



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Curriculum Booklet for Parents

Spring Term 2023/24

UKS2

Staff

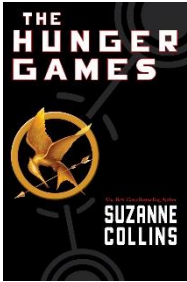
- Miss Cochrane – Y6 teacher
- Miss Ellis – Y5/6 teacher
- Mrs Davenport – Y5 teacher
- Mrs Wall – Y5/6 TA
- Mrs Clifton – Y5/6 TA and cover
- Mr Inglis- PE teacher
- Mrs Gibbons- Music teacher

KS2 Timetable

Mornings	Afternoons
8:35 Doors open for morning job	12:00 Lunch
8:45 Register	13:00 Wider curriculum subjects
9:00 Reading/Assembly	15:20 Home
9:30 Maths	
10:45 Break	
11:00 English Novel Study	

Maths: In Maths, UKS2 will be consolidating calculation skills and methods this term, with regular arithmetic-focused sessions. In Y5/6ME, we are continuing with fractions: adding, subtracting, multiplying these as well as solving problems. We then be moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages and exploring how these connect to each other.

English Novel Study: Our English lessons are always delivered through high-quality, engaging and contrasting texts, and this term, we are studying *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. We will be exploring the characters and plot through some drama and hot-seating, and developing our non-fiction writing to produce a non-chronological report of a mythical creature found in the arena. Furthermore, we will be developing our fiction-writing skills, exploring setting and character descriptions before writing our own narrative inspired by the novel.



Science: In science, we will be learning about Earth and Space. Through this unit Y5 will look and compare planets orbits around the sun, the cause of day and night and the phases of the moon.

Following this Y5 will move onto a unit about Technology and the Physical world. We will be learning about who Benjamin Franklin and Ibn al Haytham were and how their work has impacted on us today.

Y6 will be beginning the term looking at how plants adapt to their environment, particularly focusing on desert and rainforest habitats. We will then be moving on to Earth and Space where we learn about what causes a lunar and solar eclipse and explore what makes up our solar system.

History: This term we are stepping back in time to study the 1984 Miners' Strike. As part of this topic, we will be learning about the importance of coal mining in our area; we will also be looking at the causes, main events and impacts of the 1984 Miners' Strike. As well as this, we will be exploring a wide range of people's views, feelings and opinions about the strikes and how British newspapers may have influenced public opinion.

Music: Our UKS2 music lessons are taught every Monday by our specialist WPT music teacher, Mrs Gibbons. Y5/6's music topic for this half term is Rhythm Rondo. We will be learning all about and how to perform music that uses Rondo form as well as learning how to perform more complex rhythms. Towards the end of half term, they will be working as part of an ensemble to perform a Rondo piece of music using both body percussion and glockenspiels.

Art: We are starting this year by learning about Valerie Ganz and how she used charcoal to capture images of miners. We will practise drawing figures and practise the special qualities and techniques charcoal offers. For our final piece, we will create our own image of a miner, adding light and shading buildings. This will be inspired by style of this artist.

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RE: We will begin spring term with the topic of role models and inspirational people. We will be looking at figures such as Martin Luther King Jr, Rabbi Hugo Gryn and Malala Yousafzai and will exploring their links to religion, as well as why they are considered to be inspirational people. We will end the unit with considering who inspires us and if that impacts on our behaviour.

Jigsaw PSHE: We will begin with our 'Dreams and Goals' unit, where we will look at staying motivated when doing something challenging, exploring our own goals as well as helping others to achieve theirs. Then we will move to our second unit 'Healthy Me' where we will look at making healthy lifestyle choices and dealing with peer pressure. For Y6, this will build on some of the learning that took place at Crucial Crew last term.



Save the date!

Y6 Parent SATs meeting-

Wednesday 31st January 2024, 5-5:30pm

Y5 and Y6 Parents Whitby Residential Meeting-

Thursday 8th February 2024, 5-5:30pm