



Endeavour Newsletter Spring 2022



Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you for our beautiful presents which were much appreciated. We are very lucky.


We start back in school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

This half term's learning:

Hoole St Michael CE Primary School Spring 1 Overview Class: Endeavour

Bold *Christian Values* **Resilience** **Strong Relationships** **Active Learners** **partnership**

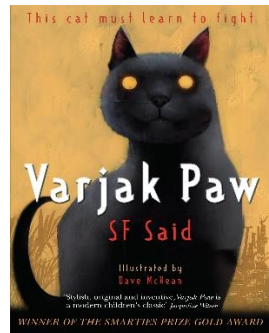
Courageous **Confidence** **Thirst for knowledge** **Growth Mindset** **SUMO** **Forrest School** **Enrichment**

<p>English: Justice Tolerance Exile</p> <p>We begin the year exploring the novel Varjak Paw, set in the modern world and in ancient Mesopotamia. We will be exploring different short writing opportunities including diary entries, newspapers and writing a flashback and forward. We then move on to making a hybrid nonfiction text in the form of a magazine page. We will research inventions to create mini information, explanation and persuasive pieces.</p>	<p>Justice Tolerance Exile</p> 	<p>Maths: Confidence, Bold, Active Learners</p> <p>We are now moving on in our main session learning to fractions, decimals and percentages. Year 5 will be building on their understanding to calculate using fractions. Year 6 will also be calculating with fractions before moving on to decimals and measurements. In fluency sessions, we will be revising key aspects of fraction learning that underpin understanding and in morning work we will continue to revise key calculations.</p>
<p>History: Tolerance Thirst for Knowledge</p> <p>This half term we will be exploring the Golden Age of Islam and the inventions that were created during this period. Although short-lived, the rise of Baghdad as a city of trade and knowledge opened the door to astronomical discoveries, the camera and even the invention of paper! We will be examining a variety of historical sources and unpicking what life was like in the 'City of Peace' and how the city fell.</p>	<p>Christian Value</p> <p>Courage</p>	<p>Science: Active Learners Bold Confidence</p> <p>Using the inventions of the Islamic Golden Age as a theme, we will be looking at forces and how they affect our everyday lives. We will explore modern day inventions like the car and the bike as well as items we use for pleasure such as snowboards. We will be working scientifically by exploring the parachute and how we can affect the speed in which it slows down to the ground. Key Vocabulary: friction, air resistance, water resistance, gravity, grip, slip, equal and opposite</p>
<p>DT: Confidence Resilience</p> <p>How do cats move their mouths? In this half term, we will be exploring the use of cams to create movement. Once we have done this, we will then be designing a character from Varjak's mean family to re-create a scene from the story. We will be exploring the mechanisms that can be made using cams and deciding how we want our cat to move their mouth.</p>	<p>R.E</p> <p>Why do Christians celebrate Eucharist? The significance of Exodus in history</p>	<p>P.E: Active learners Partnerships Confidence</p> <p>Handball - Active Learners Gymnastics match and mirror-partnership</p>
<p>IT: Meaningful progression of skills</p> <p>Using our work in history and English, we will be using coding programs to create a multimedia quiz.</p>	<p>British Value</p> <p>Tolerance</p>	<p>Music: Confidence Bold Enrichment</p> <p>You've Got A Friend in Me</p>
		<p>French: Thirst for knowledge - At home</p>

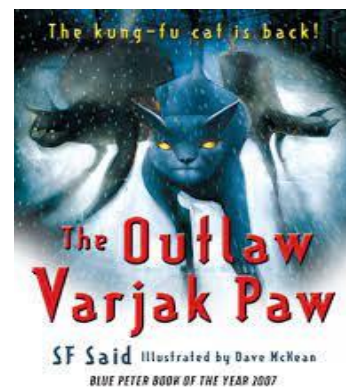
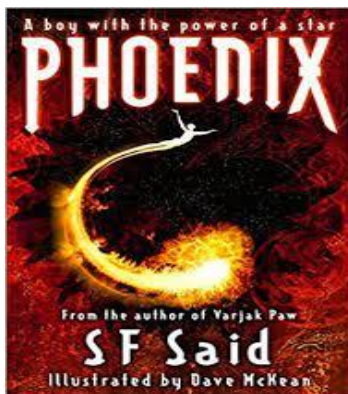
Our new overview for the half term is now available on our class page. This half term we travel to ancient Mesopotamia and then move to Baghdad around 943ad. We will be learning all about the inventions of the Golden Age of Baghdad and why this city became the destination to study and learn.



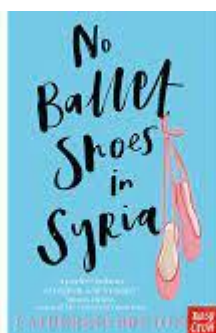
This half term we are reading:



Varjak Paw by S.F. Said is our new class novel. It is a tale of jealousy, bullying, ancestry and pride. If your child enjoys this story, here are some books you can buy from the same author.



We will also be enjoying this novel:





● **Homework Update:**

Year 5 homework will stay the same and every week will look like this:

- CPG Book linked to grammar and spelling in class. The first three weeks are linked to tenses and verb forms. We call these the simple tense, progressive tense and perfect tense.
- Times Table Rock Stars targeted practice.
- Emile linked to learning in maths.
- Spellings linked to the Year 5 spelling appendix for the National Curriculum.

Year 6 homework:

As we prepare for SATS in May, homework for Year 6 will shift to a revision focus. Each week will look like this:

- Arithmetic paper that we will mark and go through every Monday morning.
- Short reading comprehension
- White Book CPG Grammar linked to work in class and revision.
- Spellings linked to the Year 6 spelling appendix and revision of taught rules through KS2.

HOMEWORK FOR ALL WORKS FROM MONDAY TO MONDAY

- **PE:** This half term our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. We will be working inside for gymnastics and where we can, outside for handball. PE kits should be brought in and stay in school.

Min Y Don:

Our planned visit to Min Y Don is still full steam ahead for the 16th - 18th of March 2022. Look out for information regarding kit lists coming home soon.

We will also be offering the chance to purchase hoodies for the trip. For Year 6, these can double up as their leavers' hoodie. For Year 5, these are a memento of their trip away with school.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 5th January for another fun-packed half term.

Mrs C and Mrs B

