



Endeavour Newsletter Spring 2024

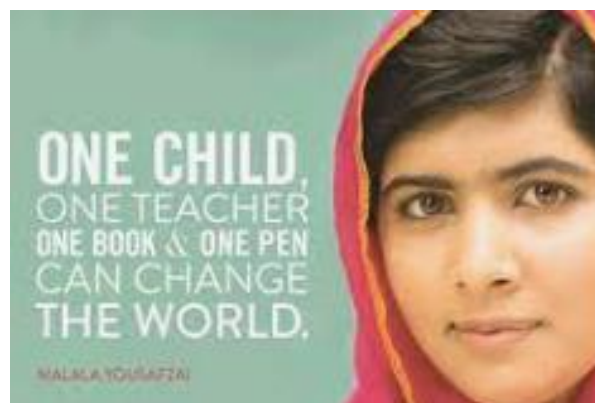


Happy New Year to all our families from Endeavour class. We also hope that you had a lovely Christmas. A huge thank you from Mrs Beswick, Mrs Holmes and I for our Christmas gifts - we are very lucky and grateful.

PSHE Days - Carpe Diem! Seize the Day!



We come back to school with a new year and a new start in mind. We will be seizing the day and learning to channel our inner sumo, focusing on what we need to get done now and not putting anything off until tomorrow. We will be combining this with our Christian Value of courage, learning about Malala Yousafzai, and how she fought against the odds for the rights of girls around the world to be educated.





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 Forest School Enrichment

English: Justice Tolerance Exile
We begin the year exploring the novel *Varjak Paw*, set in the modern world and in ancient Mesopotamia. We will be experimenting with different short writing opportunities to explore *Varjak's* courage throughout the story. We will then use our work in history to research inventions and create magazine pages. Finally, we finish the half term with the classic narrative poem, *The Highwayman*.

History: Tolerance Thirst for Knowledge
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.

DT and Art Confidence Resilience
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.

Art: How are film sets made? Work with 3D sculpture

IT: Meaningful progression of skills
Programming 1: We will be exploring how to program *Nicobits* and *Crumbles* using control technology to create different outcomes.



Christian Value Courage
BE STRONG
DO NOT BE AFRAID
FOR THE LORD
WHEREVER YOU GO
- JOSHUA 1:9

R.E
Why do Christians celebrate Eucharist?
Exodus in Jewish History

SCARF WEEK - Carpe Diem - Seize the Day!
Safe Relationships/media and digital resilience
Growing and Changing revisit

British Value
Tolerance

Maths: Confidence, Bold, Active Learners

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.

Science: Active Learners Bold Confidence

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

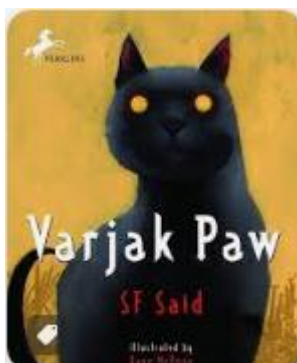
P.E: Active learners Partnerships Confidence
Handball - **Active Learners** Gymnastics match and mirror- **partnership**

Music: Confidence Bold Enrichment
You've Got A Friend in Me

French: Thirst for knowledge - At home

Our new overview for the half term is now available on our class page. The theme of our Christian value of courage will be seen throughout our units of English, where we explore characters that need to use this value to survive.

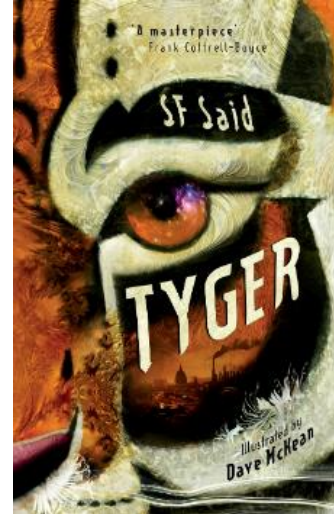
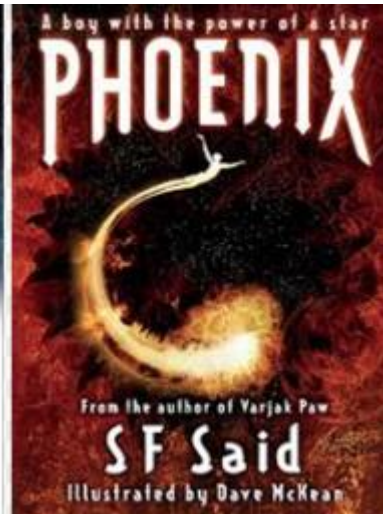
This half term we are reading:



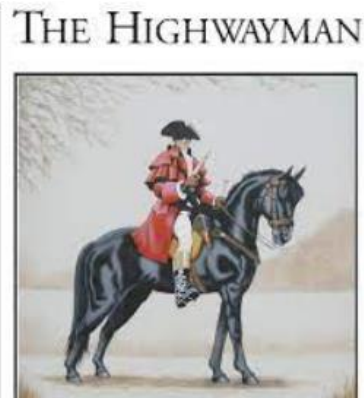
Varjak Paw, a story of courage, survival and heritage by SF Said. We are hoping to enjoy a Zoom call with him this half term, to find out what makes a great writer and what makes a brilliant story.



If your child is enjoying the stories of SF Said, they could also read:



We will also be reading:



The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes

● Homework Update:

HOMEWORK CLUB IS NOW ON A MONDAY 3.20 - 3.45.

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

- CPG Book linked to grammar and spelling in class. This half term, we are focusing on commas and their varied use.
- Times Table Rock Stars targeted practice.
- A maths activity linked to prior learning.
- 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 with the mark scheme so that you can guide if needed.
- 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

Revision Sessions:

All parents were sent Dojo messages regarding Year 6 revision sessions after school. Some run on Tuesday and some on Thursday.

- **PE:** This half term our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. We will be working outside where possible, so please feel free to send plain, dark bottoms.

Other events and updates:

January Curry Workshop! Thursday 25th January at 2.45pm - 3.20pm



Sick of turkey? Come along to our curry workshop! Before Christmas, we were gathering information about seasonal produce with the aim of designing and making curry dishes to share with you. We have also read an Indian -based story during our English lessons and written our own version to share with you.



Bikeability: Year 6 only – 11th March and 18th March



This half term is all about the bikes!

Look out for letters home about the following:

Bikeability: Year 6 only. Year 6 will need their bikes on the last week of half term. South Ribble trained instructors will take the children out on the playground first and then quiet local roads, to practice their skills ready for high school independence.

Dr Bike: An opportunity before Bikeability for both Year 5 and 6 to have any minor problems with their bike fixed, free of charge. Just drop the bikes into school on the day and the team will take a look.

Bike Fix: Children in both Year 5 and 6 learn key skills from the instructors, such as: changing a tyre, fixing a puncture and raising the height of the seat.

Min Y Don and SATS – Year 6 only:

We have now confirmed our dates for Min Y Don as the 13th – 15th March 2024. We will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents soon to give out key paperwork, talk through itineraries and look at timings. We will also be discussing SATS arrangements.

Leaver's Hoodies:

We will be ordering these as soon as we can so that they come in time for the children to wear for Min Y Don. Look out for posts on Dojo and a link to enable you to order.

As always, we are always here to speak to via Dojo, email or face to face. Please do not hesitate to contact us – our door is always open.

We look forward to the excitement that 2024 brings!

Mrs C and Mrs B



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