Year 6 Summer 1:
How can places and people survive and thrive?

Humanities: History, Geography, Art, Modern Foreign Languages, RE, RSHE, Music.

What we're reading: Holes

What we're writing:	Travel Review Journalistic Article Setting Description

What we're watching to inspire our storytelling: Holes is a 2003 American comedy drama film directed by Andrew Davis and written by Louis Sachar, based on his 1998 novel of the same name.

Important people or places:

Most of our class book takes place on Camp Green Lake, in Texas. This fictional place is described as it was in the late 19th and late 20th centuries. There are also brief flashbacks to scenes in Latvia in the mid to late 19th century.

As geographers, we will focus on *place* and *locational knowledge* as we explore the location, climate, and habitats of Texas— the setting of our class text. We will be making detailed comparisons with Norfolk, building on our previous work studying the Norfolk Broads. We will complete a group research project about the human geography of Texas.

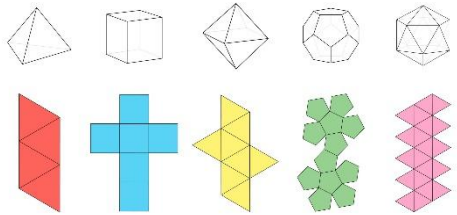
As artists, we will be using printing to create a city scape (artistic representation) of the physical aspects of Houston (to tie into our comparing and contrasting Norfolk and Texas unit in geography).



As musicians, we will be learning about West African traditional music. We will learn about the importance of pulse, rhythm, call and response and improvisation. They will also learn some simple dance steps to accompany the Djembe drums and percussion and compose their own music in small groups.

Humanities Vocabulary	Definition
Biome	Biomes are areas of the planet with a similar climate and landscape, where similar animals and plants live.
Settlement	Settlements are places where people live and sometimes work.
Tourism	Tourism is when people travel from where they live to another place for pleasure or relaxation. This can be a day trip or a few days holiday.
Natural resources	A natural resource is something that is found in nature and can be used by people.
Industry	Industry is any economic activity which creates jobs and generates income.

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As Mathematicians, we will be revising key areas of the curriculum and build our problem-solving skills. We will also be focusing statistic, coordinates, translations, and reflections.

Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics (STEM):

As Scientists, we will learn to use the recognised symbols when representing a simple electrical circuit in a diagram. We will compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

STEM Vocabulary	Definition
Net	The net of a 3D shape is what it looks like if it is opened out flat. A net can be folded up to make a 3D shape.
Circuit	An electrical circuit is a complete path which electrical energy can flow through.
Component	An electrical component is the general term for any part of an electric circuit. This includes (but isn't limited to): wires. switches. resistors.
Current	An electrical current is the steady flow of electrons. This is measured in amperes (amps).

As Sportspeople, we will take part in a range of skills-based activities aimed at developing social skills. This includes a series of team games and developing some leadership skills too. Over the term, this will lead onto tactics in both invasion games and net/wall games too. Our focus means the sport or activity for lessons may regularly alter.

As Computer Scientists, we will continue our work on spreadsheets and how to answer questions by using spreadsheets to organise and calculate data.

Home learning:

- Homework will continue this half term. This will be set on Thursdays and due the following Tuesday. Please use class dojo to keep up to date on the pages set.
- Children should read for at least 10 minutes a day. We encourage you to ask questions about your children's reading to ensure they understand.
- Please practise timetable rockstars little and often. Fluency in the timetables is such an important foundation in Maths and helps children across the Maths curriculum.

ClassDojo

Class Dojo:

We love to see the work children and families have been doing at home.

Please do upload pictures via Class Dojo and we will make sure that these are celebrated in class and rewarded with team points or certificates.

Likewise, if children have any notable achievements or events outside of school (swimming medals, football tournaments etc), we love to hear about these too!