



# Sycamore News

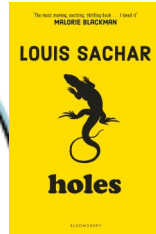
Autumn 1 edition

12/09/22

Hello everyone and welcome to a new year and our brand new topic 'Impact'. This topic will explore our impact on people and the world around us! This newsletter is a quick update of everything happening in Sycamore this half term. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to me at the beginning or end of the school day, or email me at [sycamore@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:sycamore@mundford.dneat.org). I look forward to another exciting half term!



## English:



We will be reading Holes— one of Miss Coates' favourite stories! When main character, unlucky Stanley Yelnats is sent to Camp Green Lake as a punishment for a crime he didn't commit, he finds himself digging holes in the relentless heat, with a secret to uncover! We will be writing letters and diary entries in the shoes of Stanley and newspaper articles about the secrets that are uncovered at Camp Green Lake!

## Maths:

This half term we will be working on understanding the place value of 7 digit numbers, using negative numbers and rounding large numbers. We will also be looking at adding and subtracting larger numbers, within multi-step word problems. In arithmetic meetings, we will focus on multiplying and dividing large numbers by single digits and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

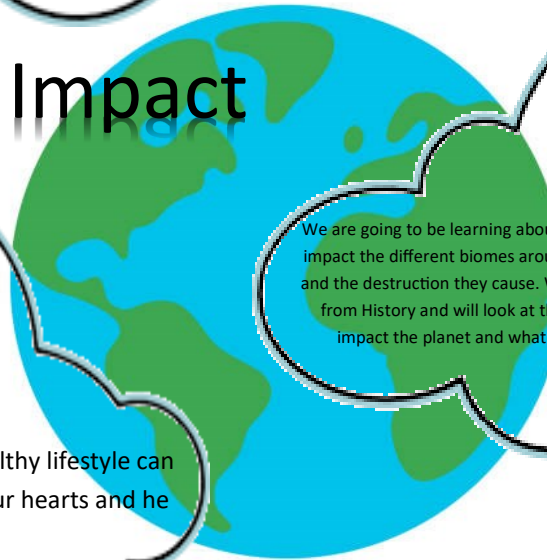
## Your Circulatory System



## Science:

In Science, we will be looking at how a healthy lifestyle can impact on bodies, focussing in detail on our hearts and the circulatory system!

# Impact



## Geography:



We are going to be learning about different natural and human disasters, identifying how these impact the different biomes around the world. We will look in depth at how earthquakes occur and the destruction they cause. We will also use our map skills to locate significant Earthquakes from History and will look at the effects of climate change, identifying how our actions can impact the planet and what we could do, to make the world a more sustainable place.



## Art:

In Art, we will be looking at how great artists, architects and designers have had an impact on our world today! We will look at different famous artists and art movements!

We will then focus on Frida Kahlo and how her artwork impacted others as she used it as a way of celebrating differences and individuality! We will be creating a collage of one of her portraits!

## History:

We will be looking at the Mayan Ancient Civilisation and how their inventions have impacted our lives today!



### Questions the children asked about our topic:

What time were Mayans around?

Where did the Mayans live?

Is graffiti art?

How many ways are there to use art to give out a message?

How did pop art have an impact in History?

How can smoking affect your heart?

Why is staying fit good for your heart?

How does blood travel around the body and how fast?

How are tsunamis formed?

How accurate is the Richter scale?

Can we stop global warming?

How many earthquakes happen around the world and where?



Our Mundford Junction this half term will be Tuesday 4th October 9.15-10.15am.

Our PE days will remain the same this term on Tuesdays and Thursdays

The children will have a spelling test every Friday and need to remember to learn their spellings for the test on the Friday.

### Homework:

Each week the children will be set 30 minutes of Times Table Rockstars to practice and a spelling rule including a group of words to learn on Ed shed. As well as Times table Rockstars and Ed Shed, the children have a weekly Maths or English task and a P4C discussion question. The aim of these activities is to build the children's foundational knowledge which everything else is built upon. Sometimes the Maths or English task might be replaced by another subject but will still require the use of English or Maths skills.

The children are also expected to read daily. This can be to themselves or an adult, but needs to be recorded in their reading diary daily.





