



THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

Key texts covered in English units:
Macbeth – William Shakespeare
Shakespeare Stories – Leon Garfield
Macbeth – The Graphic Novel - Classical Comics
Shakespeare Unclassified – Non-fiction
Boy Overboard – Morris Gleitzman

KEY VOCABULARY

circulatory	relating to the circulation of blood or sap
heart	a muscular organ that pumps the blood through the circulatory system
lungs	each of the pair of organs situated within the ribcage, consisting of elastic sacs
artery	the muscular-walled tubes forming part of the circulation system by which blood (mainly that which has been oxygenated) is conveyed from the heart to all parts of the body
vein	the tubes forming part of the blood circulation system of the body, carrying in most cases oxygen-depleted blood towards the heart
algorithm	a process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations, especially by a computer
archaic	(of a word or a style of language) no longer in everyday use but sometimes used to impart an old-fashioned flavour
treacherous	guilty of or involving betrayal or deception

SPRING 1 2025 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The children have made an amazing start to the term and are working with focus. This is an important term as we prepare the children for SATs – we will hold a Mock SATs week, the week beginning February 3rd which will follow the format of the SATs in May. As discussed in the Parent Welcome Meeting, please refrain from using recent SATs papers at home as these will form part of our Mock SATs and revision process. Alongside SATs preparation, we still have a broad and exciting curriculum planned for the children, with a visit from local magistrates on the 15th January.

Thank you for your continued support with reading and homework at home.

Mr Hudson & Mrs Sheppard

KEY KNOWLEDGE

- To understand how the heart and lungs work together in the circulatory system.
- To understand how to stay healthy and how some substances can be harmful.
- To write a scene from Macbeth in the style of modern-day authors.
- To use a range of authorial techniques to achieve specific effects.
- To use metaphor, simile and personification to create imagery.
- To use semi-colons to join clauses of equal importance.
- To use ellipses to link ideas between paragraphs.

SPELLING FOCUS

ei and ie words	e.g. ceiling, believe
Homophones	e.g. steal, steel, aisle, isle
Prefixes, suffixes and morphology	e.g. unmanageable, endangered
Words spelt with y but sound like i	e.g. crypt, mystery
Suffixes – cial and tial	e.g. financial, crucial

KEY MATHS SKILLS

Key skills to be covered this half term – timetables links, number bonds, time etc.

- Calculation
- Fractions
- Ratio and Proportion
- Statistics

Please continue to practise multiplication tables and related facts at home, as well as doing practical activities with your child.