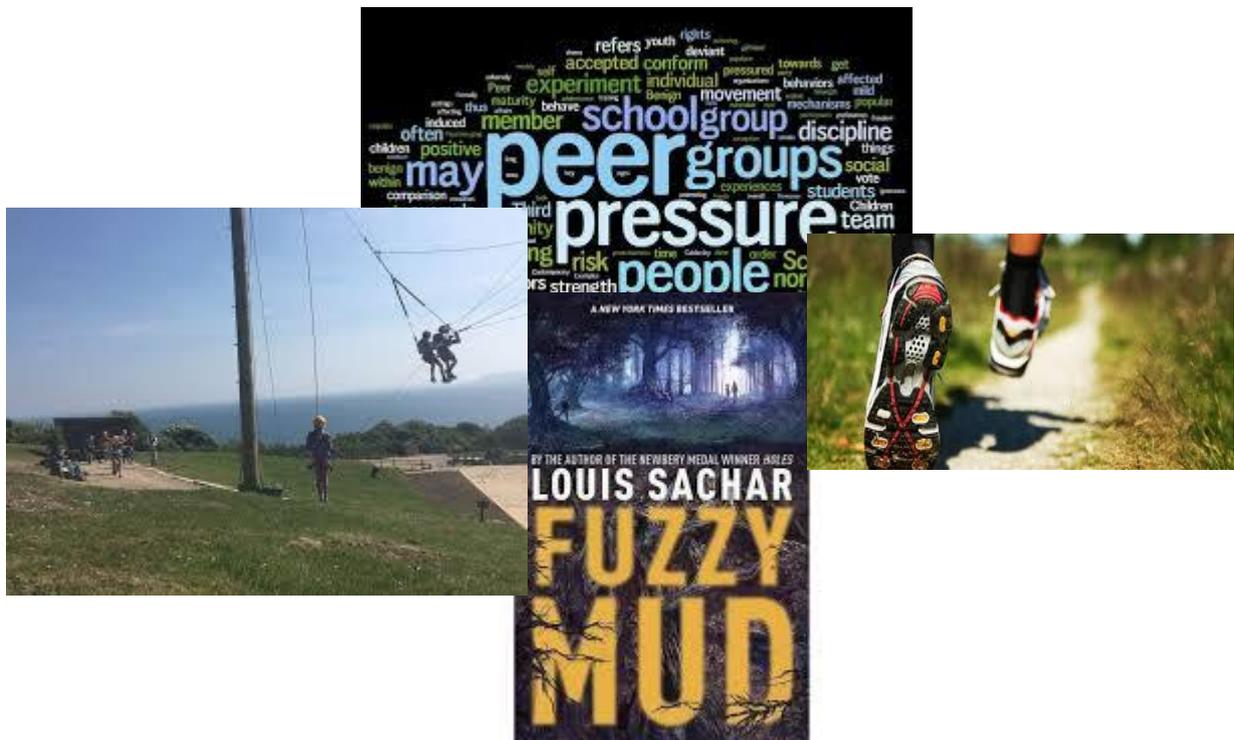


# Class Three

## Curriculum Overview



Spring Term  
(To February 15<sup>th</sup>)

# 'Personal Bests' - The Curriculum

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a New Year and a new term at Hyde. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. This half term we will be focussing on the topic of 'Personal Bests', thinking about us and how to push and challenge ourselves to achieve new goals. This science based topic will include learning about how the body works and how we can keep our bodies safe and healthy. It is also not long now until our residential at Osmington Bay, which will play a vital role in the children setting their own personal targets for what they would like to achieve whilst they are away.

## English

The core focus of our English sessions will be on stories that raise issues and discuss problems, as we think about peer pressure, bullying, relationship issues and growing up. We will be looking closely at the novel 'Fuzzy Mud,' by Louis Sachar, as well as carrying out an author study on a number of his works. We will look closely at the way in which he develops his characters throughout his texts, as we then work on writing stories of our own.

We will then move onto looking at the short story 'Smile!' by Geraldine McCaughrean, using our new found character development skills to create our own 'Flash' characters, whilst thinking about the people, objects and things that we value to be most important in the world today.

We will continue to have a daily spelling and handwriting session to boost our ability to recognise spelling patterns, add new words to our vocabulary and to spell trickier or unfamiliar words. The weekly spellings will be a continuation of what we have been learning in class and should be reinforced by being learnt and practised at home.

We will also continue to have daily guided reading sessions, during which the children will take part in a number of different activities.

## Maths

In Mathematics, we will continue to develop our written methods for the four operations— addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – through various problem solving activities in class. We will also continue to develop our mental mathematics, working on our times tables and quick solving strategies in class.

Other mathematical areas will include algebraic equations, translations and data handling. You can continue to help your

child at home by helping them to learn tables' facts thoroughly, including knowing related division facts.

For instance, if we know that  $8 \times 6 = 48$ , then we also know that  $6 \times 8 = 48$ ,  $48 \div 8 = 6$  and  $48 \div 6 = 8$ .

## PE

We will continue to use the REAL PE scheme in Class, continuing with a closer look at our own personal health and fitness, developing good running techniques as we prepare for various cross country events. Our main focus in our hall sessions will be on our own reaction times and agility when playing ball games, such as throw tennis and dodgeball.

PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday but please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times, as the day may change due to weather conditions. Your child should also have outdoor shoes in school at all times and waterproof trousers must be worn if they want to play football at break and lunchtimes.

## RE

The main focus of our RE lessons will revolve around the concept of symbols and ritual, as we take a closer look at the Sikh faith. As well as gaining a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Sikh, we will also draw comparisons with Christianity and

think deeply about what it means to have special symbols and to be a follower of these religions.

### P4C (Philosophy For Children)

Our P4C focus will be centred on 'Peer Pressure.' Using a short story as a starting point, we will focus our discussions around the question 'Can another person change you?' We will also be thinking about looking after ourselves and will have a debate on the subject of 'Why is it important to look after yourself?'

## Useful Websites

### Maths

<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/> - This is an award winning website which allows your child to log in and play maths games against different children from around the world. There are hundreds of different maths activities and problem solving areas for your child to work on, where they can score points and win virtual prizes and certificates. Your child should now have their log in, meaning that they can access this at school and at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/> - The BBC has a fantastic website called Bitesize, which breaks down different areas of mathematical understanding into small chunks, including fun games and activities and short quizzes. We sometimes use the site in class, so your child should be familiar how to navigate around the site.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/> - This is a superb website that has a huge range of games, puzzles and maths questions for your child to work on at home. The website is even broken down into different mathematical areas, so if there is a particular area of maths that your child needs more work on, for instance fractions, then there are lots of ways in which they can practise at home. The site also has a number of times table tests that your child can work on.

## English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/> - This is the English part of the BBC's free Bitesize resources. The site contains helpful revision sections on different strands of English and also has lots of fun games, activities and quizzes.

<http://www.morewords.com/> - This is a really useful website for working on spellings and spelling patterns with your child. There are also links to lots of word games that your child can play at home, which will no doubt help to improve their spelling accuracy.

<http://www.wordtamer.co.uk/> - A really useful website if your child is thinking of writing a story at home and is stuck for ideas or is reluctant to get started. The site takes you through a deserted fairground, where you can work on different elements of story writing e.g. developing characters, describing settings etc and ultimately, write a story of your own.

## Science

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/> - This is the Science part of the BBC's free Bitesize resources. The site contains helpful revision sections on different scientific areas and also has lots of fun games, activities and quizzes.