



SET SAIL FOR SUCCESS

# Mayflower Topic Letter

## Haring Class

### Spring 2020

Welcome back to another half term at Mayflower! Our topic this half term is around the story of The Tinderbox. Have a read to find out what we'll be up to.

#### Topic

Our topic learning will be focused around the story of The Tinderbox.

In Geography we will be researching tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanoes. We will be visiting the Natural History Museum to help us find out more.

In Art we are looking at line, shape and texture. We will be using these skills to create our own Tinderbox beast.

In Computing we will be developing our communication skills and thinking about how we can stay safe online.

Our focus for PE this half term is outdoor adventures. We will be learning map skills to navigate around a route.

#### English

In English we will be looking at The Tinderbox story. We will be using the creatures as inspiration to write a non-chronological report about our own invented creature. We will use drama and poetry to deepen our learning and explore vocabulary.

We will also be looking at diary writing, and writing letters from the perspective of the captured soldier. We will be focusing on emotions.

Every Monday we do a whole class read. We will also continue guided reading sessions each morning and it is important that **children read at home every day for at least 20 minutes.**

#### Science

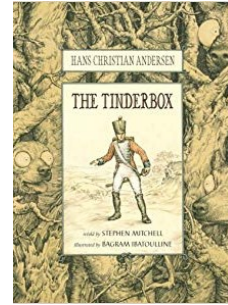
This half term we will be investigating Light. We will be doing lots of hands on, independent investigations to learn about this topic.

#### Maths

In maths this term we will be learning about statistics. Children will be gathering their own data and presenting it in a graph. Later in the term, we will be investigating area and perimeter and using different equipment to measure area and perimeter around the school.

Morning maths happens daily from 8:45. If your child is late they miss out on over an hour of learning every week! **Your child must be in class at 8:45.**

March 2020



#### Parents' Memo

##### PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday. Please bring clean kits in on a Monday and take them home to wash over the weekend.

##### Library

Children visit the school library **every Thursday**. They can also change their library book in the morning between 8:45 and 9:00.

**All children must bring their book bags and books in EVERY DAY.**

Your child should be practicing their times tables daily at home, in preparation for the year 4 test in June. Weekly spellings are given and should be learnt at home. Spelling tests are on a Friday.