

Haig School—Curriculum Statement

At Haig School we believe that children should have access to an enriched curriculum that encourages independent, lifelong learning—embodied by our motto ‘**Have Ambitious Inspirational Goals**’. We provide an interactive learning environment which extends beyond the classroom where children can feel safe, secure and respected. Our philosophy is built upon the understanding that social and emotional aspects of learning are embedded, so that all children can reach their potential within a climate that promotes the best learning. Our ethos, underpinned by the school values—confidence, resilience, respect, inquisitive and independent—ensures that all children at Haig feel valued, supported and challenged and understand how to achieve.



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Curriculum Letter

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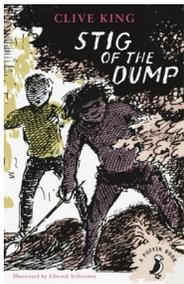


Teacher: Laura Truepenny



LSA: Juliet Robbins

Y4: Singapore Class



English

Our class book this term is Stig of the Dump to link in with our topic 'Go Wild!' There will be a shared reading session each week, where children will explore this book in small groups, acting, drawing and discussing extracts. There will be a whole class reading lesson every Friday linked to what we have investigated.

Writing to Entertain

The children will be writing setting descriptions using Stig of the Dump as a stimulus and 'Go Wild' poetry.

Writing to Inform

The children will be writing newspaper reports.

We would like all children to continue to develop their stamina in reading. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home on a daily basis and ensure a record is kept by signing and commenting in the reading diaries.

Spelling and Vocabulary

A spelling rule will be given every other week. Children are encouraged to discover words that use the same rule. On alternate Fridays, they will be tested on 6 spellings from the list and 4 random words that follow the same rule or spelling pattern. Please encourage your child to practise the spelling patterns and learn the meaning of the words by **using a dictionary**. On the alternate weeks, children will be given common exception words to learn, which don't follow a rule.

Maths

This term, the maths focus will be on place value, where we are investigating ancient number systems including Stone Age counting, Egyptian and Roman numerals. This will encourage children to develop their creativity in maths whilst helping them understand the basics of our number system today and the importance of it. Children will also order, compare and estimate numbers. In the next half term, children will use and apply skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as exploring length and perimeter.

Times tables: Children will have weekly times table lessons as well as access to TT Rockstars once a week. It would be fantastic if your child could also access this at home. There are a variety of apps and websites designed to help children learn their times tables too.

My Maths: My Maths homework will be set every Friday. Please encourage your child to look at the online lesson before completing the task.

Topic

This term our topic will be 'Go Wild!' The planning follows a thematic approach and where possible, lessons will be linked to this theme.



Science

We will be studying two biology strands this term, entitled 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Humans and other animals.'

Trips



A variety of trips will be organised throughout the year to enhance the children's learning, offering them the opportunity to experience specific curriculum themes first hand. This term, children will have the exciting opportunity to visit Oerlinghausen Archaeological Park to match our theme of Go Wild.

Forest School

Forest School classes will take place on a fortnightly basis on Tuesdays so please to provide your child with an outdoor kit and appropriate footwear every Monday and this can be taken home on Fridays.



Music

This year in music, children will be learning the ukulele. Please encourage you child to practise what we have learnt in class at home. Children will have the opportunity to take their ukuleles home in the next few weeks. Please ensure you have returned your recorder from last year.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place every Thursday. Please ensure your child has their kit.

Homework diaries will have weekly information and work set for your child to complete. Messages for the teacher can continue to be written in the reading records, or on Class Dojo, both of which are checked daily.