

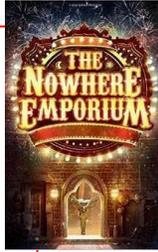
## Fantasy Phase: Spring Term 2

### What we are learning:

#### Writing

The children are currently sentence stacking the beginning of the gripping story of *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross MacKenzie. Our young writers are thoroughly enjoying the descriptive nature of Mackenzie's writing – using metaphors, similes and other literary devices under our Boomtastics to create a suspense filled narrative.

Once they have finished sentence stacking, the children will be writing their own story, using the various author specific techniques learned over the term.



#### Reading

To help prepare the year 5 children for their end of year tests and the year 6 children for SATs, the children are seeing a wide variety of texts to help strengthen their vocabulary, comprehension and analytical skills. We are currently studying poetry and playscripts.

Please encourage your child to read and quiz regularly on accelerated reader. In Fantasy Phase, we are aiming for 150,000 words per month. How many millionaire readers can we get this year?

#### Maths Y6:

Our Maths curriculum for this half term will be working on:  
**Percentage of amounts and ratio.**

The children will be learning various techniques and strategies on how to find a percentage of an amount and then moving onto ratio. The children will be exploring why percentages are a vital skill for their lives – linking maths skills back to money and real life contextual learning. Ratio will be learned to help the children express quantities and proportions by making them easier to understand. Again, another key skill required for the children's future.

#### Maths Y5:

Our Maths curriculum for this half term will be working on:  
**Fractions, decimals and percentages.**

Our young mathematicians will be learning fractions this term and how fractions can be seen not just in their day to day studies but also in everyday life. The children will be exploring topics from what a fraction is and all the way through to problem solving with fractions in real life scenarios (e.g. money). Once they have mastered fractions, the children will be moving on to decimals and percentages – understanding the link between the three aspects and exploring how they are similar to one another.

#### PSHE

This term, the children will be learning about the responsibility and value of money. This links nicely with the children's learning in maths (percentages and fractions). We will also be collaboratively focusing on healthy lifestyles and responsible choices that support healthy eating and good mental wellbeing.

#### Music

In music, the children (and teachers) will be having a lot of fun learning about old school hip hop by Will Smith – studying the theme song from 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. This style of music presents an integrated approach where games, the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.



#### PE

The children will be undertaking a very exciting module in PE this term with the introduction of Real Gym. There are opportunities for children to learn gymnastic and rhythmic movements which help their agility, co-ordination and balance but also to help them with their personal skills with perseverance and resilience.



#### Science

Our young scientists this term will be learning about *Light*. They will have many opportunities for experimenting this term due to the nature of the topic; they will be able to use their experimentation skills to discover how light travels in straight lines, how light reflects and refracts, how they see objects due to light reflecting into the eye, and why shadows have the same shape as the objects.