

Thursday 25th June 2026 – Home learning

English, Maths, Phonics, Handwriting, History

English: Our focus book this term was 'Molly Rogers to the rescue'.

Starter: Recap a rhetorical

question

Words of the week:

★ rhetorical question ★

A rhetorical question is a question that doesn't need an answer. It's asked to make people think or to make a point.

For example:

"Who doesn't love ice cream?"

You don't really have to answer, it's just to show that most people like ice cream.

Task: One of the features of a persuasive text is to use rhetorical questions. Can you create rhetorical questions to make me come to Haydon Abbey School? For example: Do you want to have lots of fun learning?
Are you ready to read lots of books and make new friends?



Do you want to ____?
Are you ready ____?
Would you like to ____?

Use the sentence stems to help you.

[illegible]

Maths: Seconds, minutes, hours

Starter:

📺 Time: "Seconds, Minutes and Hours" by StoryBots | Netflix Jr

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LO: seconds, minute, hours

Seconds:

are very quick, like clicking your fingers or a balloon popping.
There are 60 seconds in 1 minute.



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Minutes:

are a little longer, things like making your bed, washing a dish, or sending a quick email may take a minute. There are 60 minutes in an hour.



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Hour :

Are the longest units of time, some things that may take an hour are things like a Maths lesson, School disco and washing your clothes.



Task: Complete to white rose maths sheets.

- 1 Would you measure the activities in seconds, minutes or hours?

Match the activities to the labels.



seconds



minutes



hours



2 Write <, > or = to make the statements correct.

- a) 1 hour 1 minute
- b) 1 second 1 minute
- c) 1 hour 1 second
- d) 3 seconds 1 hour

3 Write the times shown on the stopwatches.

a)



minutes and seconds

Phonics: Starter: Practice saying Phase 5 diagraphs (sounds). Don't forget your alternate sounds! Use your best bet hands.

My Phase 5 Sound Mat

ay 	ou 	ie 	ea 	oy 	ir 	ue 	ue 
aw 	wh 	ph 	ew 	ew 	oe 	au 	ey 
a-e 	e-e* 	i-e 	o-e 	u-e 	u-e 		

*even

Task: What words can you think of using these sounds? Sound them out and write them. E.g. cloud

Can you find the tricky words, punctuation and diagraphs in my sentence?

Can you fetch the cheese from the
kitchen, please?

Handwriting – Practice writing the curly caterpillar letters: c a d o s g
q e f

Can you say the letters and the sound they make?

Now, practice writing these words.

Word Bank

coffee

cucumbers

dippers

oranges

apples

squash

History – This half term we have been learning all about brave explorers. Today we are going to act as explorers and share our knowledge to our adults.

Starter – Who was Christopher Columbus?



Explorers have been around for hundreds of years and they have helped us to map out the world that we know today, long before google maps and drones !



Ibn Battuta-



Ibn Battuta was born in Morocco, in 1304.
When he was 21 years old, Ibn Battuta made a religious journey to Mecca.



Ibn Battuta travelled by camel.
He spent nearly 30 years exploring and visiting 44 countries.
In total, he travelled over 78,000 miles.



In 1345, Ibn Battuta told a writer about what he had discovered on his travels.
It was all written down in a book called the Rihla.



Matthew Henson-



In 1909, Matthew Henson became the first African American explorer to reach the North Pole.
He was a very experienced explorer.



From a young age, Matthew Henson liked exploring.
At 12 years old, he became a cabin boy on a ship.
He learned lots of skills as he sailed to different parts of the world.



Matthew Henson was a skilled carpenter and made all of the sledges used on the expeditions.
He also trained the dogs that pulled the sledges.



Matthew Henson wanted to get to know the people who lived in the Arctic.
He learned to speak the Inuit languages so that he could communicate with them.



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Amelia Earhart-



Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was an American aviator. She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.



Early Life

Amelia was born on 24th July 1897 in Kansas, United States.

She was encouraged by her mother to be different to other girls at that time. She was allowed to wear bloomers, climb trees and play all types of sport.

She was a nurse's assistant during the First World War.



Flying Adventures

- Amelia first travelled in a plane in 1920 and had her first flying lesson when she was 23.
- She bought her first plane less than two years later. It was bright yellow and she called it Canary.
- She got her pilot's licence in 1923. She was the 16th woman in the world to have one.
- Amelia became world-famous after her solo, non-stop journey across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932. She was the first woman and second person to do this.

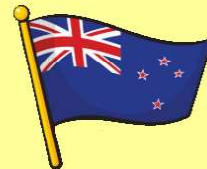
Journey Around the World

- Amelia started her journey around the world in May 1937.
- She planned this with Fred Noonan who was her navigator.
- The journey would have been 29,000 miles.
- In 1937, Amelia and Fred lost radio connection as they approached Howard Island and were never found.
- A lighthouse was built on Howard Island in her memory.

Fascinating Fact

National Amelia Earhart Day is held annually in America on 24th July.

Sir Edmund Hillary-



10 Facts About Sir Edmund Hillary

- Sir Edmund Hillary was the first person to successfully climb Mount Everest in 1953. He did it with his friend, Tenzing Norgay.
- Hillary was born in New Zealand on 20th July 1919. He loved adventure and exploring the outdoors from a young age.
- Although he is well-known for climbing Mount Everest, Hillary also loved to explore other places, such as the South Pole! He was part of a team that went there in 1958.
- After his famous climb, Hillary raised money to build schools and hospitals in Nepal, where Mount Everest is located.
- In 1953, after climbing Everest, Hillary was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his bravery and achievements.
- Sir Edmund Hillary had three children.
- Hillary was named the 'New Zealander of the Century' in 1999.
- Sir Edmund Hillary was also a skilled pilot. He learned to fly planes and used this skill on many of his expeditions.
- Hillary was passionate about preserving wildlife and the environment. He supported efforts to protect endangered species and took part in projects to conserve the natural beauty of New Zealand.
- Sir Edmund Hillary died on 11th January 2008, at the age of 88.



Mt. Everest

Task – Which explorer will you act out? Can your adults tell who you are? Are you travelling through the scorching desert, climbing the highest mountain on earth, flying across the giant Atlantic ocean or travelling through frozen Antarctica?