Previously, this half-term was focused on SATs revision, SATs and writing coursework. With these elements gone, Ms Sparrow asked that we fit in all of the science and that the rest of the topic was up to us!

This was a huge opportunity and we talked and thought a lot. We decided we wanted a topic that qould equip you with lots of skills and knowledge that we thought you'd enjoy and which are important.



We realised the reason we agreed on those things was that it ultimately came down to happiness and a desire to help you live the happiest life you can.



Think about time when you feel happy.

That isn't just the times when you feel super excited, amazed, joyful, grateful etc, but also when you feel content and just kind of cool with how things are.

Some happiness comes from:

- being purposeful, such as doing something and achieving something)
- pleasure, such as hanging out with friends or eating tasty food



We can try to maximise both.

For pleasure, we can try to fit in more pleasure and find out what gives us pleasure.



For instance, Mrs Gillett listens to podcasts while commutingnot only does she find these interesting and funny, but it also helps her stop her mind going over the same old worries and annoyances about work!

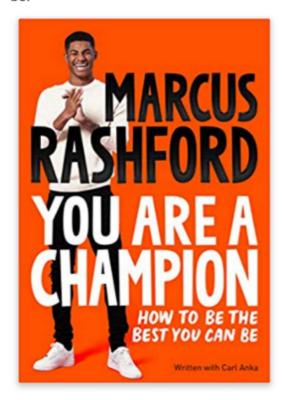
Or we can now - with lockdown easing - contact friends and arrange to meet them outside.

We will look a little later at practical things to do for purpose (understanding public transport timetables for trips and thinking more about careers.



- Manchester United and England footballer
- recently campaigned on homelessness and child hunger
- grew up in Manchester with his mum (who often had several jobs and skipped meals as they had so little money)

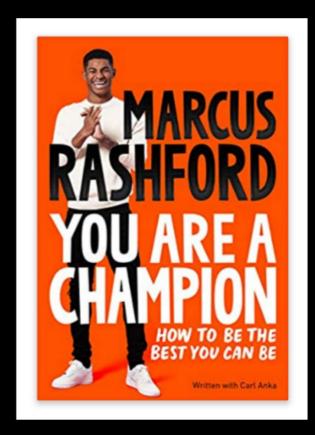
No matter who you are and no matter where you come from, every single person in the world has the potential to be a champion. In *You Are a Champion*, the nation's favourite footballer gives you the tools you need to reach your full potential, showing you how to be the very BEST version of yourself you can be.



His main messages are basically about being as happy as you can be - he has recognised that happiness is about more than pleasure, and he has really focused on the idea of having purpose in life and doing the best with those things to bring more happiness.

On the next slide is a list of the different areas his book works on.

Think about how knowing about - and being better at - these things can help us to be happier.



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- Dream big.
- Practise like a champion.
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What might we need to learn, and work on, for each of the above?

What skills and knowledge do they require?

We need to develop our understanding of the following areas in order to achieve the things Marcus Rashford has focused on:

- Social media its positive and negatives, and how to naviage them
- Power what it is, who has it and why it matters
- Equality the types of equality and why it matters
- Values recognising what we each see as important
- Mental health

As a year group we are going to choose our topic title.

We will share the ideas and vote on the ideas this week!

What is our new topic to be called?