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## YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

# Autumn Term

### In English this term:

The children will be reading *Boy* by Roald Dahl. They will learn about autobiographies, biographies and use Roald Dahl's work to inspire drama and creative writing. We will also link our work in English to other areas of the curriculum. This will include writing a biography of a famous scientist linked to our science topic of Evolution and Inheritance. The children will be using their English skills to write a newspaper article about the Battle of Marathon, linking to our history topic.

After half term, the children will be learning about William Shakespeare and will be comparing different versions of *Macbeth*, considering audience and purpose. They will be learning about dilemmas in stories, using inference skills to write from the viewpoint of *Lady Macbeth*. The children will learn how to debate and will be writing a persuasive argument.

As part of our work on spelling, punctuation and grammar, the children will learn to use adverbial phrases, expanded noun phrases and complex sentences. They will also look at using brackets, bullet points and about direct and reported speech.

### Suggested activities to help your child in English this term:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=47>

### In Maths this term the topics we will cover will be:

Place value, including decimal numbers and negative numbers. Ordering, comparing and rounding numbers. Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Securing written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Understanding the inverse and applying these methods to problem solving.

Revising equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, mixed numbers and improper fraction. Applying this to the addition and subtraction of fractions. Multiply fraction and divide fractions by whole numbers. Solve word problems involving fractions.

Geometry - Revising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Recognising angles within a shape. Find and compare nets for different 3D shapes.

Measure - calculate the perimeter, area and volume of shapes.

Compare fractions, decimals and percentages and use mental strategies to find simple percentages of amounts, including money.

Data - calculate and understand the mean average; construct and interpret distance/time line graphs; interpret and construct pie charts.

### Suggested activities to help your child in maths this term:

Place value understanding is key in Year 6. Please encourage your child to practise this using these activities

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=21>

### **Other curriculum areas this term:**

In science, the children will be studying Evolution and Inheritance. They will be learning about fossils, and important scientists including Darwin and his theories and Mary Anning. We will study how humans and animals have evolved and why some animals have become extinct.

In history, Year 6 will be learning about Ancient Greece. The children will be learning about how life was different in the past and the legacy that the Ancient Greeks have left behind. They will also learn about the Ancient Maya. Throughout the topic, the children will be comparing the Maya to other civilisations they know. They will also be looking at the impact their lives have had on us.

In art, the children will work with a range of media to create work inspired by our topics on Ancient Greece, the Ancient Maya and Macbeth.

In PSHE, the children will be refreshing the growth mind set work. They will be learning about relationships - how to get along with others and how to cope when we fall out with others.

In music, the children will be looking at popular music and improving their singing skills ready for Christmas.

In P.E this term, the children will be swimming at Reed's School and receiving hockey coaching. They will continue outside physical education with Coach.

In R.E this term the children will be considering the creation story, completing work on Remembrance and will be learning about the different accounts of the birth of Jesus in the Bible.

### **Useful websites for this term's curriculum learning:**

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools\\_and\\_teachers/resources/cultures/ancient\\_greece.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources/cultures/ancient_greece.aspx)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient\\_greeks/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/)

<http://mexicolore.co.uk/maya/>

<https://kidskonnnect.com/history/ancient-mayan/>

### **General Messages:**

#### **Reading is important!**

Even though your child may be able to read by themselves, it is still important to check they have understood what they are reading. Please try to ask your child what has happened in the story.

Remind your child to bring in their home/school contact book everyday and to keep it up to date.

### **P.E**

If your child is unable to do P.E, please let us know by letter.

### **Multiplication tables**

It is vital that your child knows all their times tables accurately. Please encourage them to practise and test them at home regularly