



Year 6 Celebration

Newsletter—Term 2 2016

Map Matsers

This term our topic has been **Map Masters**. We have been learning about the world (continents, different cities, physical and human features, world oceans, longitude and latitude). We have also revised map reading—looking at 4 and 6 digit grid references. In our writing, the children have written persuasive arguments about whether the armies were justified in using animals in WW1 and Christmas poems. In Maths, we have focussed on fractions and angles, and in Science we have been learning about light and even put on a shadow puppet show! The children have been really engaged with their learning and we're looking forward to the new year!

Accelerated Reader

This term, the school have continued to encourage the children to engage with the Accelerated Reader scheme. Books in the library (class and cosy corner) which have an **orange label** are on the Accelerated Reader programme and the children can take quizzes on them. If the children pass the quiz, this will go towards their word total. If you wanted to find out if the children's reading book from home is part of AR—you can find out on the following website:

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

In total, year 6 have read **5,702,895** words. Well done year 6!

Love to Read! War Horse & Stormbreaker

This term we have finished reading **Michael Morpurgo's War Horse**. For next term, we will be reading **Anthony Horowitz's Stormbreaker**. The children will receive a class copy each which will be used in school to support our English learning.



Homework

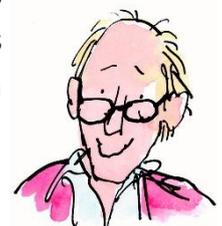


This term, homework has continued to be set (for Grammar) using the Year 6 CGP Book and the MyMaths website for Maths. Spellings will be set at the start of the term, and children are tested weekly on **Friday**.

To support children with the SATs (as they will be tested on their spellings and knowledge of spelling rules) we encourage children to practice their weekly spellings at home.

Children will be retested if they score less than 8/10 each week.

Really well done to those children who have been regularly engaging with their home learning, including the family learning projects. We have really enjoyed looking at your **fantastic Roald Dahl work!** The children's brilliant home learning projects were displayed in the KS1 hall on Monday after school. A huge well done!



Monkey Maths

The school have recently re-vamped (and re-launched) the Monkey Maths scheme. Monkey Maths is an initiative focussed on helping children develop their instant recall of their times tables facts. This will be hugely beneficial for them—especially for the arithmetic Paper in the SATs and for being able to work at the pace required in secondary school. Every child in the school completed the Spider Monkey Challenge (x2, x5 and x10 tables). Well done to those children who have already scored full marks on their first test within the time allowed! You are in the draw for free tickets to Flip Out the new trampoline park.



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas!
There will be no homework set over the Christmas holiday as we are expecting the children to work very hard as usual next term. We look forward to seeing you all next year. **Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!**



Sneak Peak into Term 3...

Keen to be Green

Next term, we are going to start our new class text *Stormbreaker* by Michael Anthony Horowitz which will inspire most of our English learning and writing. In our topic, we are going to be focusing on Geography in a topic called 'Keen to be Green'! Next term in Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We would appreciate if you could look at the key word list below with your child (related to our topic). Also we remind children that PE will be (typically) on **Thursday and/or Friday**. We expect children to have their PE kits (including appropriate shoes/trainers) in school on these days.

Key Word List

- settlers
- economy
- natural resources
- renewable
- non-renewable
- conserving
- circulatory system
- blood vessels
- nutrients
- lifestyle
- veins/arteries



Many thanks,

Miss Mills (Pandas) & Mr Angus (Meerkats)