

Year 6 Celebration



Newsletter—Term 3 2018

World Citizens

This term our learning topic has been: World Citizens (how to look after the planet), which we will continue to learn about next term. In our Maths learning, we have been learning more about (and revising) fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio. In Science, we have been looking at Light—and this topic will continue next term. We have learnt about how light travels in straight lines, and that we are able to see objects as light is reflected off an object. We will learn more about shadows, including performing our own shadow puppet show. In our English learning we have been focussing on Stormbreaker, which has informed our writing. The children have written some fantastic balanced arguments about whether or not Alex Rider should be a spy, and an action narrative based on a scene from the Stormbreaker film. The children have really enjoyed our learning this term and we look forward to Term 4.

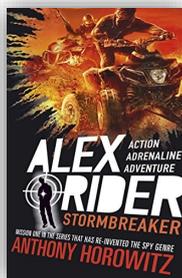
Accelerated Reader

This term, the children have continued to access the Accelerated Reader programme and have enjoyed being able to complete quizzes about their favourite reading books. In total, year 6 have read 1,070,405 words this year! A HUGE well done to **Alicia** who has read 209,006 words so far this year; and **Lucy** who has read 213,884 words! Keep up the brilliant reading!



Love to Read! Stormbreaker

This term we have started reading **Anthony Horowitz's Stormbreaker**. The children have received a class copy to share between two, which will be used in school to support our English learning. We will continue to read this book next term.

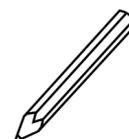


Weekly Spellings/Home Reading

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 should be aiming to score 7/10 or more each week. In order to extend their vocabulary, children should be reading appropriate texts **at least 3-4 times a week at home**. This could include newspapers as they're always a good way for children to stay up to date with current affairs (which are often discussed in class).

SATs Home Learning

Next term, we will be starting to set homework for children to complete to better prepare them for their upcoming KS2 tests. We ask that **parents/carers encourage their children to complete homework tasks, and even work with them to further support them with their learning**. In Term 4 there will also be a SATs information session for all year 6 parents/carers. **Thank you for your support!**



SATs Information:



- The SATs will take place from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May 2018
- In total, there are 5 tests: 1 grammar and spelling test, 1 reading test and 3 math tests (an arithmetic paper and 2 reasoning papers)
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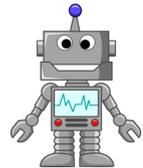
We have been really impressed with the quality of the children's writing during our most recent writing assessment, take a look at an excerpt from Jamie's brilliant work:

The Robot and the Girl - Jamie (Pandas)

In a tranquil, dull room, an almighty robot made from scrap metal stood like a gorilla; eyes lifeless and exposed. There was a hatch located in the belly of the grand machine. The room was filled with all different kinds of machinery.

Suddenly, a small body emerged from the interior of the lifeless thing; it was a girl with red hair and silver goggles resting on her forehead. Quickly, she ran to the vast levers and pulled them. Its eyes lit up but all of a sudden the power went down and her disappointed face was emotionless. She couldn't believe she had failed and wanted to give up. The robot was built by her dad - who was now dead - and she had always wanted to get it to work.

However, no matter what, she was determined not to give up so she decided to look at it and fix whatever was wrong with it. Just then, she picked up her light spanner and fixed the cogs, the gizmos and last of all the screws. They were tighter than a jam jar lid. Finally, the robot was ready to be rebooted...



Sneak Peek into Term 4: World Citizens/Map skills

Next term, we will continue our learning topic: World Citizens. However, we will have a slightly different focus. In geography, we will be learning about trade and economy with an emphasis on fairtrade which will inform our topic writing. In Science, the children will continue to learn about Light. For Maths, due to the upcoming SATs in May, we will be mainly focussing on test skills and continuing to work through the year 6 objectives (including circles). Our English learning will have a greater grammar and spelling focus – again to ensure that children are prepared for the SATs tests. **PE days are on Thursday afternoons. Children should be bringing in a PE kit each week; if children are not able to do PE then the class teacher/office need to be informed of why this is.**

Key Word List Term 2:

- Light source
- Reflection
- Angles of incidence
- Periscope
- Refraction
- Prism
- Rays of light
- Shadow
- Isaac Newton



Many thanks,
Year 6 teaching staff