

**Messages:** We welcome our Year 6 learners back and we hope that they found time to rest and relax while continuing to read every day and that they also managed to complete the homework they received. The children worked hard despite the many changes and restrictions posed by Covid-19. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school at 8:45 each morning and for being punctual when collecting them at 3:20 each afternoon. Encourage your child to wash hands throughout the day.

**Maths:**

In maths children will be reintroduced to fractions as many have forgotten what they learnt last year. We will use mathematical vocabulary unique to fractions, such as simplifying and equivalent fractions. They will learn to calculate equivalent fractions using division and multiplication and reason about them. They will learn to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers using fraction bars and calculations. Children will also learn to identify and locate fractions on a number line and solve problems and reasoning questions related to what they will be learning. They will receive SATS Companion and Doodle homework to support the new learning.

**Spellings:**

This week, we have ten words with the focus: silent letters  
 island  
 thistle  
 solemn  
 knight  
 doubt  
 lamb  
 answer  
 knowledge  
 wriggle  
 wrong

**English:**

The children will continue to start their day with a 'Reading For Pleasure' session in school to promote reading for enjoyment and to provide additional reading opportunities so children can close gaps created by a lengthy period spent away from school. Children should bring in their signed reading diaries every day as these will be closely monitored by the teacher. The Year 6 students will start this term by reading poetry in their reading lessons. Their writing however, will be focusing on persuasive writing, where they will be writing an article to persuade people that zoos should not be banned. We encourage parents to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of zoos with their children at home.

**Topic:**

Our topic this term is Australia. We will be doing a range of fun activities such as creating mood boards in the lesson, as well as allowing children to carry out their own research about Australia.

**Science:**

This term in science we will be investigating evolution. Children will learn to: recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils (relate back to year 3 unit) provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. They get to revise key parts of their learning and practise things so they can make good progress.

**Compulsory Homework for Year 6:** The following activities are compulsory and must be completed each week.

- Times tables practice 3 times a week.
- Spelling Practice 3 times a week.
- Reading to an adult every day for 30 minutes (Reading diary must be signed for every day.)
- Doodle Homework

Week 1



Name the continents.

List five cities from a country of your choice.

Name the five countries with the highest population.

Write five interesting facts about a country of your choice.