

Messages: We remind parents of the importance of being on time to drop off your child at 8:45 am and ensuring that you collect them at 3:20pm to avoid children having contact with children from other year groups who are from different pods. Children will also not be allowed to change clothing for PE each Tuesday and Wednesday and are therefore permitted to come to school in their PE kit or non-uniform.

Maths:

It is crucial that you allow 20 minutes each day for your child to practise their times tables as this will assist them in most areas of maths. We recommend that they learn at least one times table each day and that you test them to ensure that they have learnt it well enough. They are required to have a good command of their times tables up to 12×12 . If they are practising, for example, the 6 times table – Test them by asking them a few questions, and related facts if possible, such as: 6×3 ; 8×6 ; $42 \div 6$; $72 \div 6$ as well as related facts. Try 60×4 ; 70×6 ; 0.6×5 and similar related facts as an example. A sound recall of times tables facts will help your child so your support is invaluable. This week we will be working with numbers up to 10 million and solving place value problems.

Spellings:

This week, we have ten words with the focus: words ending in -tial or -cial:

- special
- essential
- confidential
- official
- artificial
- social
- influential

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. This week the children will start reading 'The boy in the Striped Pajamas' in their reading lessons. We will also be using the book as a stimulus for writing in our English lessons. Please ask your children to tell you what they enjoy about this book when they get home.

Topic:

This term's topic we are going to focus on rivers. Please look at some poems about rivers with your child at home and perhaps share any stories you might know about rivers! We would love your child to share these with the rest of the class during our topic lessons.

Science:

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

Optional Homework:



Find a poem about a river and copy it out.

Find a poem about a river and explain why you like it.

Make an acrostic poem using the word RIVER.

Find a poem about a river and write an extra verse.