

**Messages:** Your child will have received their new reading levels and this has been recorded in their Reading Diaries. Please check that your child is reading every evening and that they are reading books from within their level. A word of caution. Children using social media have found themselves in a great deal of trouble for things they posted at home and subsequent events. It is illegal for 10 or 11 year-olds to use Whatsapp, Tik Tok, Snap Chat etc. Children using smartphones should be closely monitored for what they send and receive. If your child has to bring one in to school, remind them that it has to be handed in at the office each morning.

### Maths:

In maths this week we are learning all about rounding. Children will firstly be taught how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 before learning to round to ANY number.

They will learn two methods of rounding (5 or above, give it a shove and 4 or below, let it go)

While this is the quicker method, children will also be taught to round using a number line as this will be required when they solve rounding problems.

They will also be ordering and comparing numbers and learn the language and maths symbols associated with this area of maths.

### Spellings:

This week, we have ten words with the focus: Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy

hesitant  
hesitation  
substance  
substantial  
observant  
observation  
tolerant  
tolerance  
expectant  
expectation

### 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 famous bridges with your child at home and help them to research the following question: Why was the Thames important to the development of London?

### Science:

This term the children will be learning about electricity. Please talk to your child at home about: why is electricity important and how does it make our everyday life easier?

**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:

<p><b>Week 3</b></p> 	<p>Write a list of the bridges that cross the River Thames.</p>	<p>Find out three interesting facts about one bridge which crosses the River Thames.</p>	<p>Why was the Thames important to the development of London? Research and write a paragraph.</p>	<p>Do you think that "The Garden Bridge" is a good idea? Research and write a speech explaining.</p>
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