

Messages: We still have too many children who are not completing homework, revising time tables or returning signed reading diaries. Please ensure that your child has a dedicated time when he/she does school work each evening. It is getting colder and we've noticed a number of children arriving at school without a jumper or coat. Kindly check that your child is suitably dressed for the weather before leaving for school. If they require any part of their uniform, these can be purchased at the office.

Maths:

We will be focusing on multiplication of 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. Children will be taught to use the space diagrams to help them before moving on to column multiplication.

They will be taught to carry over base units of 10 and to set out and work efficiently. They will apply their new understanding to solving related problems, such as calculating the area of a rectangle and using the inverse to find the length of one side. A catch up lesson on dividing by a single digit number has also been included as many children still require practise. We are concerned by the number of children who do not know their times tables up to 12 times 12. This is making it harder for them to make the rapid progress required. Please ensure that they spend 15 minutes every day revising a times table.

Spellings:

This week, we have ten words with the focus: Words ending in -ent, -ence/-ency

innocent
confident
frequent
decent
independent
innocence
confidence
frequency
decency
independence

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 ask your child to tell you a bit about the water cycle.

Children have been drawing their own water cycles and describing them in books last week.

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:

| Week 4 | | | | |
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|  | Create a picture of a river scene using a technique of your choice. | Find an artist who has painted a river scene and do your own copy of it. | Make a collage of a river scene using colours you would associate with rivers. | Design a storyboard showing a river from its start to its end at the sea. |