

**Messages:** The children have finished their tests and we are pleased that most continue to make steady progress and we are pleased with their efforts. They have demonstrated a clear commitment to their studies and this is reflected in their results. Because of Covid 19, we are unable to offer our usual range of festive activities but we will ensure that are able to celebrate safely within their bubble. We are aware that some children return to school having forgotten many of the things they learnt before the break and generally fall slightly behind. For this reason we urge parents to ensure that children have a set time each day when they are learning. They must continue to read every day and we appreciate those parents who manage to take time to listen to their children read.

**Maths:**

Our focus in maths this week will be geometry. Children will find and plot coordinates, firstly in the first, then all four quadrants. They will then relate their expertise to finding missing points of known shapes. Children will translate shapes in all quadrants and learn how to describe existing translations mathematically. Finally, children will draw and describe reflections in across the X and Y axis as well as drawn and diagonal mirror lines. They will then apply what they have learnt by attempting exam style questions.

**Spellings:**

**Christmas spelling:**

Christmas  
annual  
Christian  
festival  
remembrance  
goodwill  
merriment  
occasion  
gatherings  
festivities

**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 now related to their Science work. Children will be working on a diary entry for Charles Darwin. Ask your children to tell you some interesting facts about who Charles Darwin was and what he discovered!

**Topic:**

Our topic this term is Australia. This week the children will be looking at Australia in detail and they will be comparing it to the UK. Ask your children if they have found any fascinating similarities (or even differences) between the two countries.

**Science:**

Children will continue to write a diary entry in which they tell of Darwin's trip aboard The Beagle and his discoveries in places like Cape Verde and Brazil. Their writing will include his Origin of the Species and other contributions to science.

Pupils not at school MUST complete the work set on Google Classroom.

**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 7 and  
holiday  
homework



Research flights to Australia. Write down 3 different flight options including prices, times and stopovers.

Research holidays to Australia. Find flight times and prices as well as hotel options for your stay.

Create a detailed itinerary for a trip to Australia. Research places of interest you may want to go.

Go to a Travel Agent and get brochures for Australia. Create a poster of the destinations you would most like to visit and a map of your journey.