

Year 6: Spring 1 - Survival.

English

In English, the children will be reading a story set in the 1930's called Brashem's Tortoise. Children will analyse the plot and character's in the story and look closely at how they develop their emotions, actions and interactions with each other. They will then write a story, using powerful imagery to build a picture of the setting in the reader's mind. Children will be taught to develop their reading, self-editing and re-drafting skills. We will then move on to our non-fiction unit on Persuasive writing learning different persuasive technique. They will then write a persuasive text. Strategies will be taught by their teacher through weekly guided reading, daily shared reading and read aloud sessions. Please sign the home reading record daily. All our reading books are online through Bug Club on Active Learn.co.uk.

Spelling and Grammar

The children will continue to focus on a new spelling pattern every week and will learn how to use and apply these rules. They will continue to revise and master the Year 5 & 6 list of spellings. Whilst grammar lessons will focus on word classes, using punctuation and range of sentence types for effect.

Useful websites for spelling and grammar:

<https://www.spag.com/> (Please ensure children complete a test weekly on spag.com)

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login>

Maths:

In Maths this half-term, children will be taught the relationship between fraction, decimals and percentages. They will add and subtract as well as round decimals as well as multiplying and dividing decimals. They will then be taught how to find the percentage of a number. Children will also be taught how to answer complex word problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Children are expected to learn the multiplication and related division facts and apply this knowledge to solve arithmetic questions daily. They will extend their knowledge of multiplication and division and will have the opportunities to practise effective written methods which they apply in a range of contexts. Your child's class teacher will be happy to answer any maths queries! Please continue to practise times tables with your child so they are secure in their recall of the number facts.

Useful websites:

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> (Please ensure your child completes homework tasks weekly)

<https://trockstars.com/> (Use this website to practise times tables and division facts)

<https://myminimaths.co.uk/year-6-arithmetic-practice-papers/> (Use this website for arithmetic practice papers)

Creative Learning Journey

This half-term our topic is called Survival. We will look closely at natural disasters focusing specifically on volcanoes.

- ◆ In **Art** children will explore the work of a known artist and record their ideas. They will then develop ideas using mixed media: ink, charcoal, pastels, biro and manipulate and experiment with the elements of art: line, tone, pattern, texture, form, space, colour and shape.
- ◆ In **Science**, children will explore the process of classification in some detail and how it differs from, but relates to, the identification of living things. They will become aware of the types and characteristics of organisms that belong in each of the five kingdoms of living things (animals, plants, fungi, bacteria and Protista)
- ◆ In **RE**, children will explore the differences and similarities within Christianity, Islam and 2 other religions or world views. We will introduce children to the concept of worship and community. This will enable them to compare the meanings of both in their own lives and within the lives of human beings.
- ◆ In **PE** lessons children will have the opportunity to develop their gymnastic skills. In addition, they will learn and develop a dance in groups using their knowledge of linking movements in unison.
- ◆ In **ICT** children will be learning about how a 'network' works. We will then learn about search engines and how to use them to research a topic. Children will represent their research on a PowerPoint slide.
- ◆ In **Spanish** children will learn to describe the buildings found in a high street.
- ◆ In **Geography** children will learn about volcanoes. They will learn about the most active volcanoes on earth around the Ring of Fire.

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Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on **Friday**. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night. Children should also complete online homework from the following website: My Maths and Spag.com

P.E. Timetable:

Class 6A: PE Monday and Wednesday

Class 6B: PE Monday and Tuesday

Class 6C: PE Wednesday and Thursday

Class 6D: PE Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform including their blazers and ties.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff.