

# Year 6: Spring 2 - Survival.

## **English**

In English, the children will be studying a flashback story called *Gone Away* by Lou Kuenzler. They will use emotional language and flashbacks to explore friendship, loss and guilt. Children will experiment with these techniques in their own writing. The non-fiction unit of work will be based on biographical and autobiographical reading and writing opportunities. They will then research a famous person to write a biography about.

Children will also be taught to develop their reading skills. Strategies will be taught by their teacher through weekly guided reading, daily shared reading and read aloud sessions. Please remember to 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:**

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

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/)

[www.activelearn.co.uk](http://www.activelearn.co.uk)

<https://www.spag.com/>

## **Maths:**

In Maths this half-term, the children will be taught to convert units of measurements for capacity, length and mass. They will then apply this knowledge to solving 2 and 3 step word problems. They will learn how to construct and interpret different graphs as well as learn the properties of different shapes. They will then move onto identifying and naming angles. Furthermore, they will use this knowledge to calculate missing angles. Children are expected to learn the multiplication and related division facts and apply this knowledge to solve arithmetic questions. They will extend their knowledge of multiplication and division and will have the opportunities to practise effective written methods which they will 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://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6>

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/mentalmachine2.html>

<https://trockstars.com/> ; <https://login.mymaths.co.uk/> (use this for online maths homework)

## Creative Learning Journey

This half-term our topic is Survival- Earthquakes. We follow on from last half-term when we looked at volcanoes around the ring of Fire in the Pacific.

- ◆ In **Design and Technology** the children will design and make a vehicle with an electrical and mechanical system.
- ◆ In **Science**, children will learn about and build on their knowledge of living things and how they are adapted to particular environments. They are introduced to the idea that variation in organisms can result in the species becoming better adapted to its environment.
- ◆ During **RE**, children will focus on different accounts of the resurrection stories found in the gospels in the New Testament, this allows pupils to explore what took place during this time.
- ◆ In **PE** lessons children will have the opportunity to develop skills in hockey. In addition, they will demonstrate controlled passing, receiving, striking, dribbling and shooting in tag rugby.
- ◆ In **ICT** they will plan and create an animation for a given purpose. They will then select and use appropriate multimedia tools, and combine these for a given purpose.
- ◆ In **Spanish** children will learn to describe a healthy diet. They will learn and say food items in Spanish.
- ◆ In **Music** children will listen to, appraise and compare music by Benjamin Britten. They will listen to different versions of the song and then choose one to perform at the end of the unit.

## Information about Year 6

### 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.

### P.E. Timetable:

**Class 6A:** PE Monday and Friday

**Class 6B:** PE Tuesday and Wednesday

**Class 6C:** PE Wednesday and Friday

**Class 6D:** PE Wednesday 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.