

Homework will be sent out on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday, however, Year 6 will get packs with a deadline date occasionally as opposed to weekly homework.



Children read daily in school in a number of ways. It is important your child's reading book is in school along with their reading record. If your child has misplaced their book please let us know.

Please remember to complete home reading and sign home-school records so children can earn Reading Reward Miles and contribute to class reading percentages!

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day as the PE schedule can change. Earrings should be removed or covered.

## Class 11:

### Happy New Year and welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic break over Christmas. I am very much looking forward to the new term with my class and I have no doubt that they will do us very proud this year. They have lots of events coming up including: stay and learn, SATs, leavers assembly, leavers show and the transition to High School. I am confident they will embrace this and succeed and achieve as they have done already this academic year. Should you need to speak to me for any reason, please speak to the office and book an appointment. Thank you! Mr McKean

Our topic this term is 'Grand Canyon' focusing on geography and art skills. I am looking forward to this new topic and I know the children are too!



### RE Topics:

Life as a Journey

### Science Topic:

Our first unit of work is 'Light'. During spring 2, we will be learning about 'Earth and Space'

### Home Learning:

You can support your child by discussing what they already know and what they have learnt in school. If possible use books and the internet to support learning. Please encourage children not to copy straight from the internet but to use their reciprocal reading skills to summarise.

**English:** For the first half term, we will spend a lot of time working on our writing and reading skills. Firstly, we will be writing a newspaper article about an event that we be introduced to support the children with their writing. The children will apply all of their grammar knowledge from the last half term in their writing. All pieces of writing that we complete between now and the end of the academic year will go towards the children's end of Year 6 writing grade. Please take time with your children to support them with their written homework and discuss what we have been doing in class. It is crucial that your child is in school everyday so they do not miss key skills and information.

After the half term break in February, we will complete less written tasks and focus more on reading and grammar as we start to prepare for the SATs tests in May this year. We will look at example reading papers and comprehension style questions and spend our English lessons looking at how we should structure the answers to the questions and how to refer back to the text for information. Please make sure your child reads at home at least three times per week. My advice is that children read to themselves, in their heads, as they would for a SATs test and then they summarise the text to you and answer questions.



How can I help at home?

**Maths:** In maths, we will be revisiting many areas to ensure secure knowledge, skills and understanding, but also so we are able to develop greater depth and reasoning skills.

We will revisit topics: place value (rounding, ordering, comparing, identifying values, roman numerals etc.) and calculation (see reverse for methods). We will spend more time revisiting fractions, as this is an area many children found difficult last term as well as measure. We will also visit learning on angles and other areas of geometry such as area and perimeter before looking at statistics. The main focus of our learning will be: to gain greater depth through challenges and our ability to use reasoning skills successfully to understand concepts. We will constantly question the children's understanding and ask them to "prove it"; this is something that can also be used at home to help children to progress.

Children are expected to know all times tables by the end of Year 4, yet we have a large number of children who still do not know all times tables and division facts. Knowing times tables is vital in many areas of maths such as fractions, percentages, decimals, equivalents, area, perimeter etc and this will ensure accuracy and speed for their SATs tests. It is important for your children to learn these at home. If you require any support to help your children please feel free to ask. Children will benefit from revision at home on the areas we have already covered this year in preparation for their SATs tests later this academic year.

### English Support:

- Verb - a word or phrase denoting an action e.g. run, shop, cook, swim, write.
- Modal verb - a word to show possibility or certainty e.g. could, would, can, might, will
- Noun - a word denoting anything that can be named, usually an object, person, place, idea, or action.
- Proper noun - name of a place or person e.g. St James, Peter, England
- Common Noun - name of a common object e.g. table, book, cat, house.
- Pronoun - replaces a noun e.g. she, he, it, they.
- Abstract Noun— an idea, state or quality e.g. love, honesty, truth, happiness.
- Collective Noun— the name of a group e.g. a school of fish, a pack of wolves, a flock of sheep.
- Adverb - a word, phrase, or clause that modifies the meaning of a verb, adjective, or other adverb e.g. slowly, carefully, often, sometimes, soon, every other week, later.
- Adjective - a word, phrase, or clause that describes a noun or pronoun e.g. blue, tall, huge, rough, silky, curly, loud.
- Preposition - a word that links a noun or pronoun to another type of word showing the relationship between the two e.g. on top, under, behind, beside, in between.
- Conjunction - a word or phrase that links words, phrases, clauses, or sentences e.g. but, so, however, therefore, hence, consequently.
- Main Clause - a group of words that make up a complete sentence e.g. he ran, the flowers bloomed, the dog barked.
- Subordinate Clause - a group of words that do not make a complete sentence but are used to add information e.g. in the morning, when spring arrives, who had green eyes.
- Fronted adverbial - words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows e.g. Late at night, the boy went to bed.

### Maths Support:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6258 \\ + 2748 \\ \hline 9006 \end{array}$$

1 1 1 Some children may be able to add larger numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 67.82 \\ + 45.33 \\ \hline 113.15 \\ 11 \end{array}$$

Numbers are carried to the next column when the answer is more than 10. Therefore the 1 is written underneath as a reminder to add this.

$$\begin{array}{r} 681 \\ \cancel{7}946 \\ - 1482 \\ \hline 5464 \end{array}$$

Subtraction - column subtraction  
Example shows 4 digit - 4 digit and subtraction of decimal numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 51 \\ \cancel{6}7.67 \\ - 49.43 \\ \hline 18.24 \end{array}$$

Some children may be able to subtract larger numbers.  
When the top number is smaller than the bottom number an exchange is made from the next column.

$$\begin{array}{r} 237 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 948 \end{array}$$

1 2 Some children may be further on and able to multiply using 2d.

Numbers are carried to the next column when the answer is more than 10. The ones are written in the answer space and the tens number is written underneath and is then added.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3123 \\ 3 \overline{)9369} \end{array}$$

Division - short division (bus stop)  
Example shows 4 digit ÷ 1 digit.  
Some children may be able to divide larger numbers by 2 digits.

The number being divided sits inside the 'bus stop' and the number you are dividing by on the outside. Any remainders are carried to the next column (not shown).