

Spring 1 in Year 6... Welcome Back!!



Geography:

This half term, we will finish answering the question, 'why are mountains so important?' which will now focus on how the mountains around the United Kingdom.

History: Children will begin to learn about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. They will start by looking at the current countries of Central America, specifically the Maya Region, their climate and traditions.

French:

We will continue to learn how to describe the different rooms in a house and who lives there, including a focus on family members. Children will consolidate vocabulary and grammar through short writing tasks.



English:

Writing- We will begin the half term looking at writing narrative. The children will be creating suspense stories based on the Alvaro F. Villa's book *The Flood*. Children will learn how to use noun phrases and personification in order to create an image in the reader's mind, as well as learning to effectively use dialogue and a range of punctuation.

Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Children will have daily English skills sessions with a strong focus on reading skills and spelling accuracy. Spellings will be taught primarily through the Read Write Inc spelling scheme. This week

Reading- After being enthralled by *Holes* this half term, we will be moving on to another fantastic book: *The Girl of Ink and Stars*. This adventure story focuses on the themes of myth, magic and the power of friendship.

The best way to improve reading is to read at home daily! Please ensure children bring their reading and homeschool books into class every day. It would be very beneficial for you to discuss your child's reading with them.



Science: Children will finish learning about **classification** and identify key scientists and theories to categorise living things.

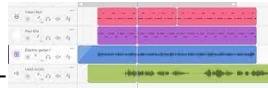
This half term we will be using our knowledge of classification to understand **evolution** of living things that inhabited millions of years ago. This will cover the production of offspring and how animals and plants are adapted to their environments.



Music: Our children will have the opportunity to use soundtrap to partake in whole class instrument lessons.

PE: We will continue developing our understanding of ourselves through 'Health Related exercise' and working in canon and unison with gymnastics- matching and mirroring. **Monday and Thursday. It is important that children come in wearing the correct PE uniform!**

Our virtual Classroom links:



Maths: We will be continuing our knowledge of fractions and decimals, specifically learning how to multiply and divide them. We will also be learning how to find percentages of amounts before looking at a range of multi-step problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Children, **as ever**, should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12.

RE: - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? This half term, we will be moving on from Christianity and exploring Islam; their beliefs and what it means to be a Muslim in Britain.



Homework:

Children will be set Reading, Grammar and Maths homework weekly from homework books that will be provided for them. This will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday.

Computing: Children will be creating web pages to encourage younger children to become a leader within the school, give information on a unit of learning they have learnt this year or encourage younger children to go to PGL for their residential. The children will look at hyperlinking whilst understanding the laws of copyright.