



Year 6 Learning Spring Term II

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Six

READING

Children in Key Stage 2 are expected to read for at least **10 minutes every day**. This may take the form of independent reading; reading aloud; taking it in turns to read with a grown up, sibling or friend; or listening to a parent read aloud. We would encourage children to take part in a range of these activities, but the most important thing is for children to reflect on and discuss what they have read. Children are given a Reading Journal which they should use to record their thoughts about the books they are reading at home. Year 6 children are encouraged to make a list of new and exciting vocabulary to support their understanding. Children should read a variety of texts to expose them to formal and informal language, as well as the features of fiction and non-fiction texts. Children are not expected to bring their Reading Journal into school. Inside the front cover of children's Reading Journals are questions and activities which children may choose to complete.

WRITING

In **English** we will be reading *Macbeth* by Lois Burdett. This is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Through this text we will be learning about our Year 6 reading and writing skills.

Writing: We will be exploring lots of different genres of writing this half term in order to explore how to express our ideas in different ways. Children will be learning how to vary their clause structures and create an atmosphere in their writing. When children are writing at home, remember to get them to proof read their writing and check their spellings using a dictionary. Parents can support by encouraging their child to read their writing aloud to help them to hear where they need punctuation and to check that it makes sense. Encourage your child to always write in succinct paragraphs.

Spelling: Year 6 will be learning spelling patterns each week, parents can help their child by asking them which spelling words they are focusing on to support their understanding at home. Words containing silent letters and the rule 'I before e except after c'

Mountains

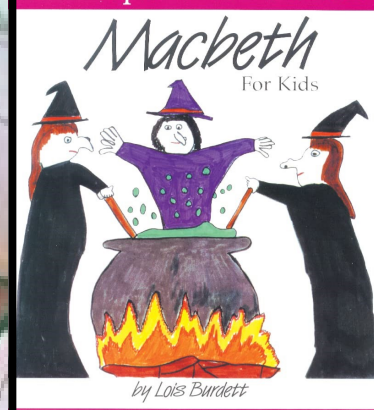
In **R.S.** this half term, Year 6 will learn about Buddhism and consider how Buddhists live their lives. In **Geography** we will be learning how mountains are formed. We shall look at where mountains are in the world and find their longitude and latitude. In **P.E.**, we shall be continuing to focus on how to be a team player and when to use tactics to outplay the other team through the learning of Football. PE will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon. Lastly in **PSHE**, we shall be considering how we can stay healthy and how we can be responsible for this.

"Who is William Shakespeare?"

For more than 20 years, Lois Burdett has asked that question of her elementary school students in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, leading them on a voyage of discovery that brings the Bard to life for boys and girls ages seven and up.

Macbeth for Kids, written in rhyming couplets allows children to be fully immersed in Shakespeare's world.

Shakespeare Can Be Fun!



MATHS

In **Maths** we will be focusing on Geometry, Statistics and Measurement. To support your child at home, allow your child to complete their home learning independently but once finished, you may wish to work it through with them to allow your child to verbally explain how they solved the problem to support their reasoning and to support them checking their learning. Encourage your child to look at measurement conversions, for example, 'A bag of sugar weighs 1kg, what is that in grams?'

Saxon Maths Website - <https://saxonmaths.weebly.com>

We encourage all children to visit the Saxon Maths website regularly where they will find a variety of games and resources to practise the skills they have been learning in class.

Times Tables Rockstars - www.ttrockstars.co.uk

Fluent knowledge of times tables continues to be an important skill and children need regular practise to sustain their rapid recall of facts. Children have been given a reminder of their username and password for TTRS.

HOME LEARNING

Weekly Home Learning

In Year 6, children are given weekly home learning from their CGP SATs Buster Books. Their folders will be given out on Thursdays and should be returned the following Tuesday. Details of the pages they need to complete are given in their Home Learning Diary.

Children should be fluent in all times tables, regular practise on Times Table Rockstars is advised to support learning in school. Finally, don't forget about the essential 10 minute daily reading as well.