

Year 6

Curriculum Newsletter

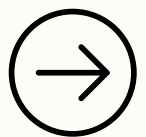
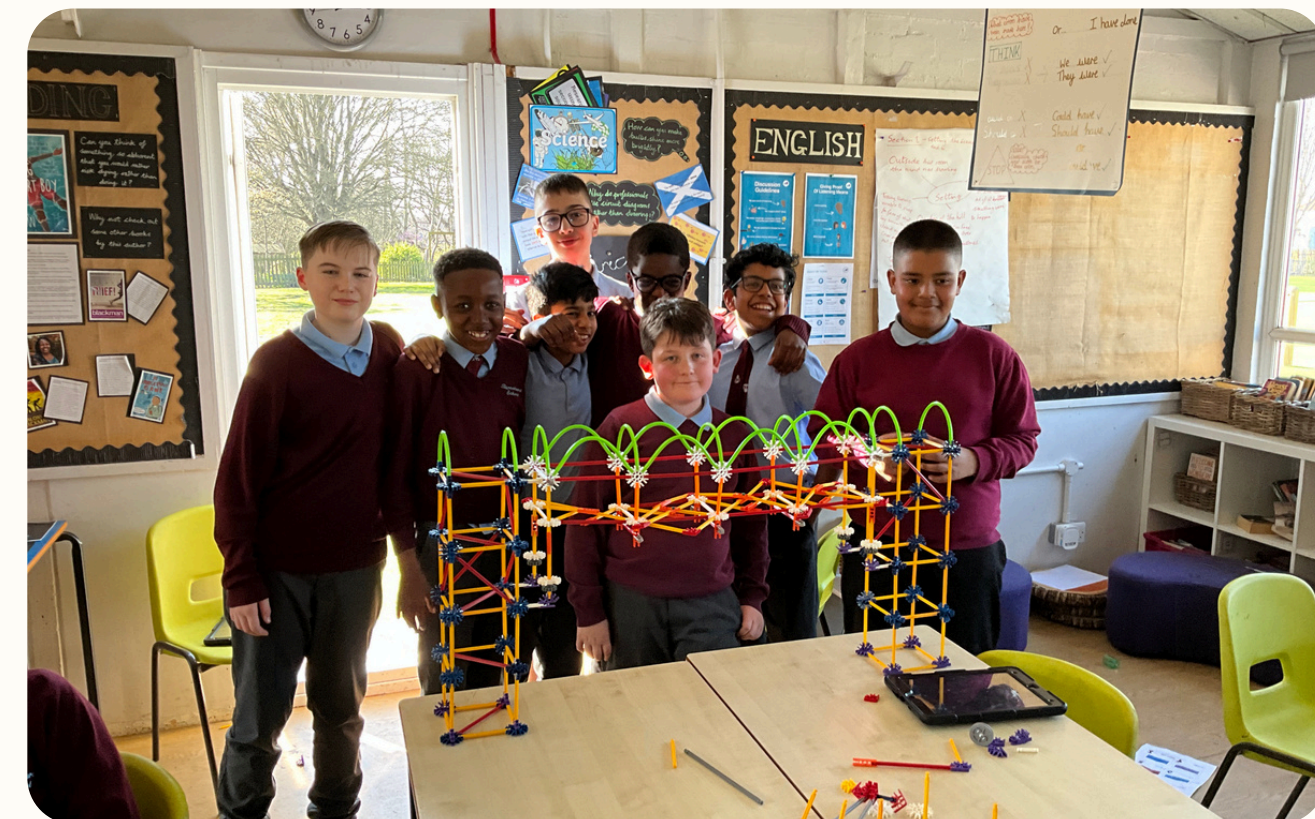
Note from the team

Welcome back Year 6! Last term, we experienced lots of exciting learning opportunities: an evolution workshop at the Natural History Museum; building bridges in DT; and writing suspensefully spooky stories. We had lots of fun!

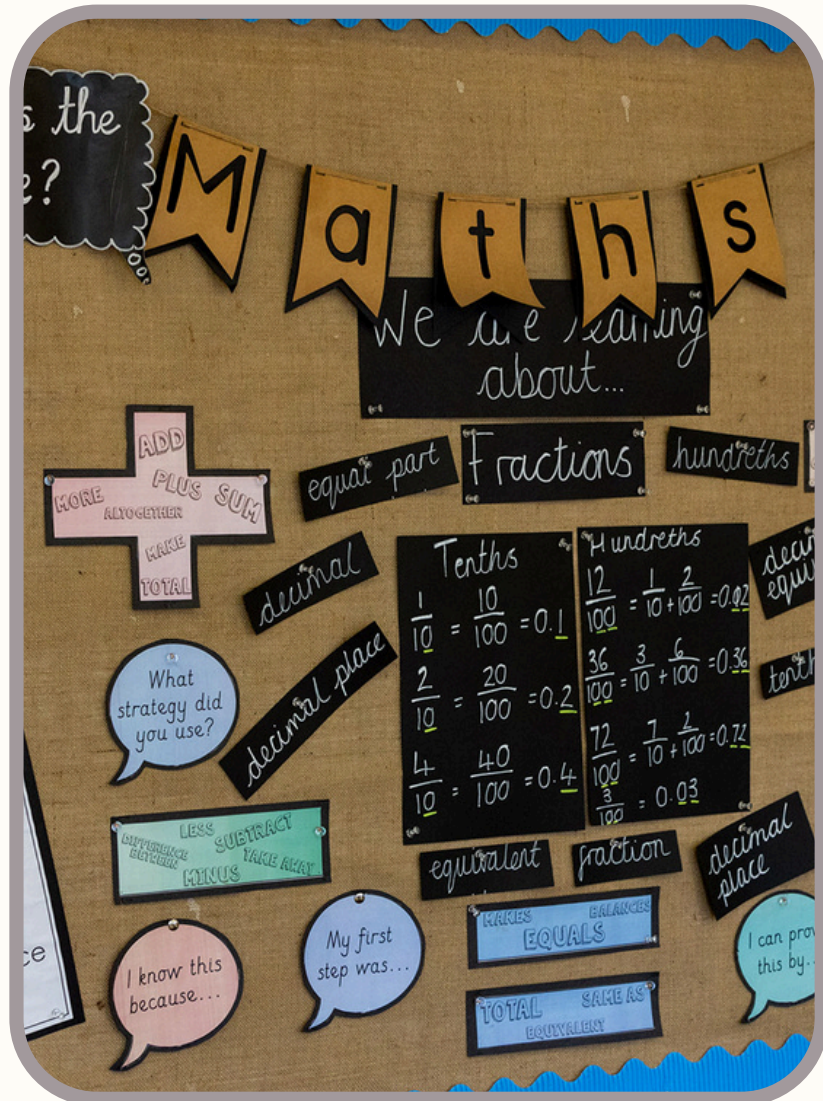
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Key Dates and Reminders

- **Both classes:** Wednesday PE. Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on a Wednesday.
- **Both classes:** Music with our music specialist on a Friday, every other week. This will alternate with French.
- **Library visits:** Both classes will visit the library on Friday 17th April and 15th May.

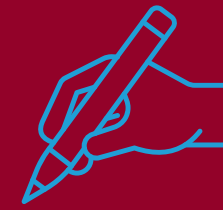


Our learning this half term...



Reading

This term we will continue to work on test techniques in reading to help us in the upcoming SATs. After SATs, we will be reading Skellig by David Almond.



Writing

This term, Year 6 will be writing newspaper reports including direct and reported speech. We will also be producing some first person informal, yet highly scientific, explanatory texts on the circulatory system - as if we were a red blood cell!



Maths

This half term in Maths, we will focus on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, reflection and position and direction, including drawing and translating shapes in all 4-quadrants. We will also be solving problems involving time.

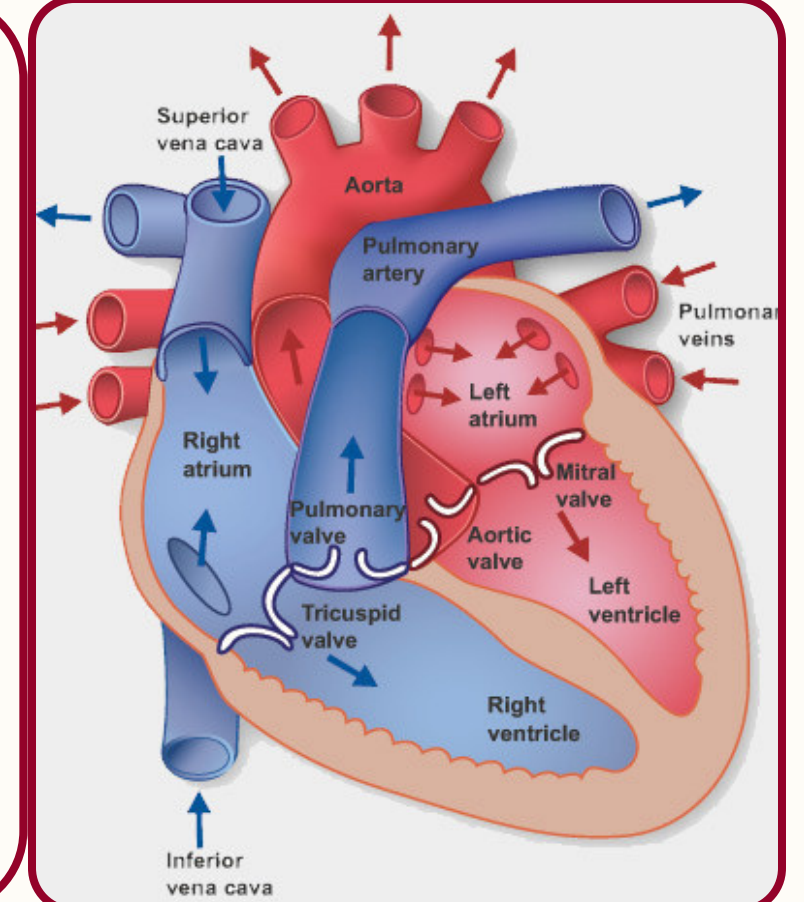
Maths boosting

We will continue doing 45 minutes of Maths revision 2 afternoons a week this half term, prioritising filling knowledge gaps and focusing on Reasoning/Problem-Solving. We will therefore be doing slightly less foundation subjects, but will be catching up on these after the SATS.

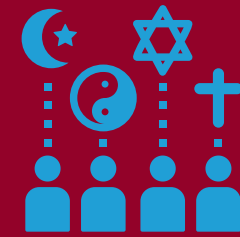
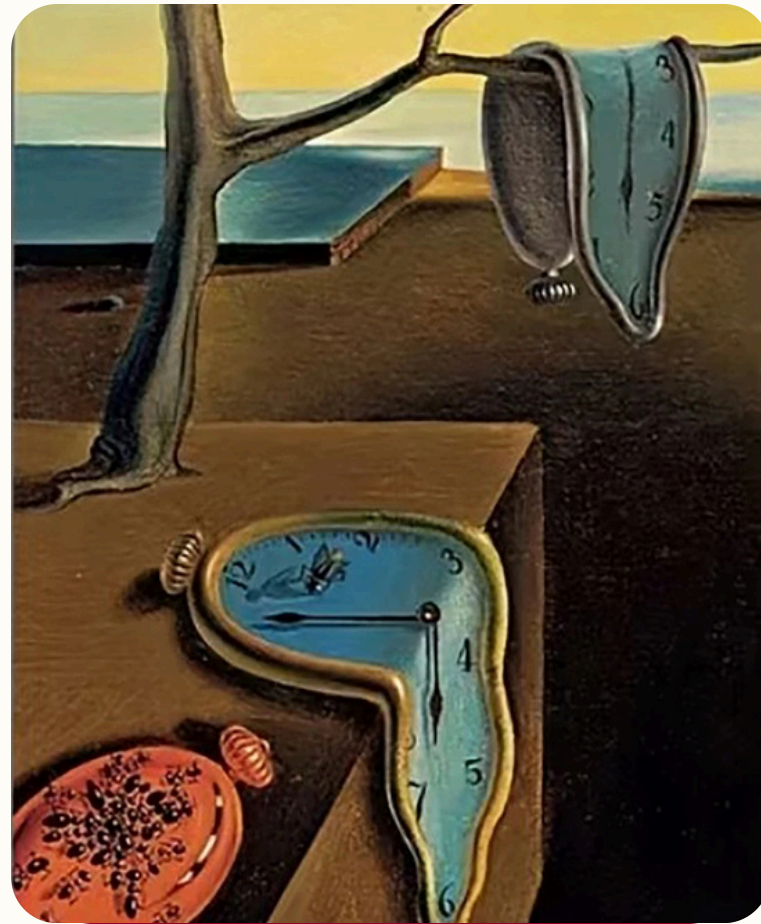


Science

This term is all about the circulatory system, finding out about the heart and the role of different blood vessels. We will be investigating the effect of exercise on the pulse rate and carrying out fair tests.



Learning continued...



RE

This term in RE, we will be discussing what it means to believe in three key principles of different religions: Grace, Ummah (community) and Ahimsa (harmlessness).



DT

In DT, we will learn how to create 3D objects using Tinkercad. We will create our own design for a keyring that will be 3D printed.



PE

In PE, we will develop our athletic skills by practising how to accelerate from static positions, refine our techniques for jumping for distance and throwing with both accuracy and power across a range of events.



History

Our new history topic is World War Two. We will look into some of the causes of this global conflict and find out about Allied and Axis powers. We will explore the key figures of Hitler and Churchill and also touch upon the sensitive topic of the Holocaust.



Music

We will learn about inspirational women in music in our next topic 'Music and Me' and consider how identity can be expressed and shaped through music.

Learning at Home

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Timetable Tables Rock Stars to practise for at least 10 minutes each day.

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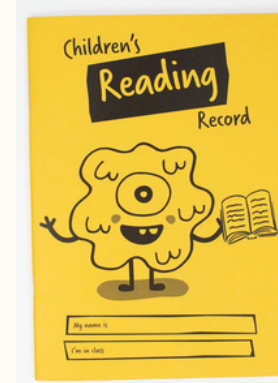
With SATs fast approaching, please encourage your child to practise their arithmetic skills. Mathsbot compact is an invaluable resource.

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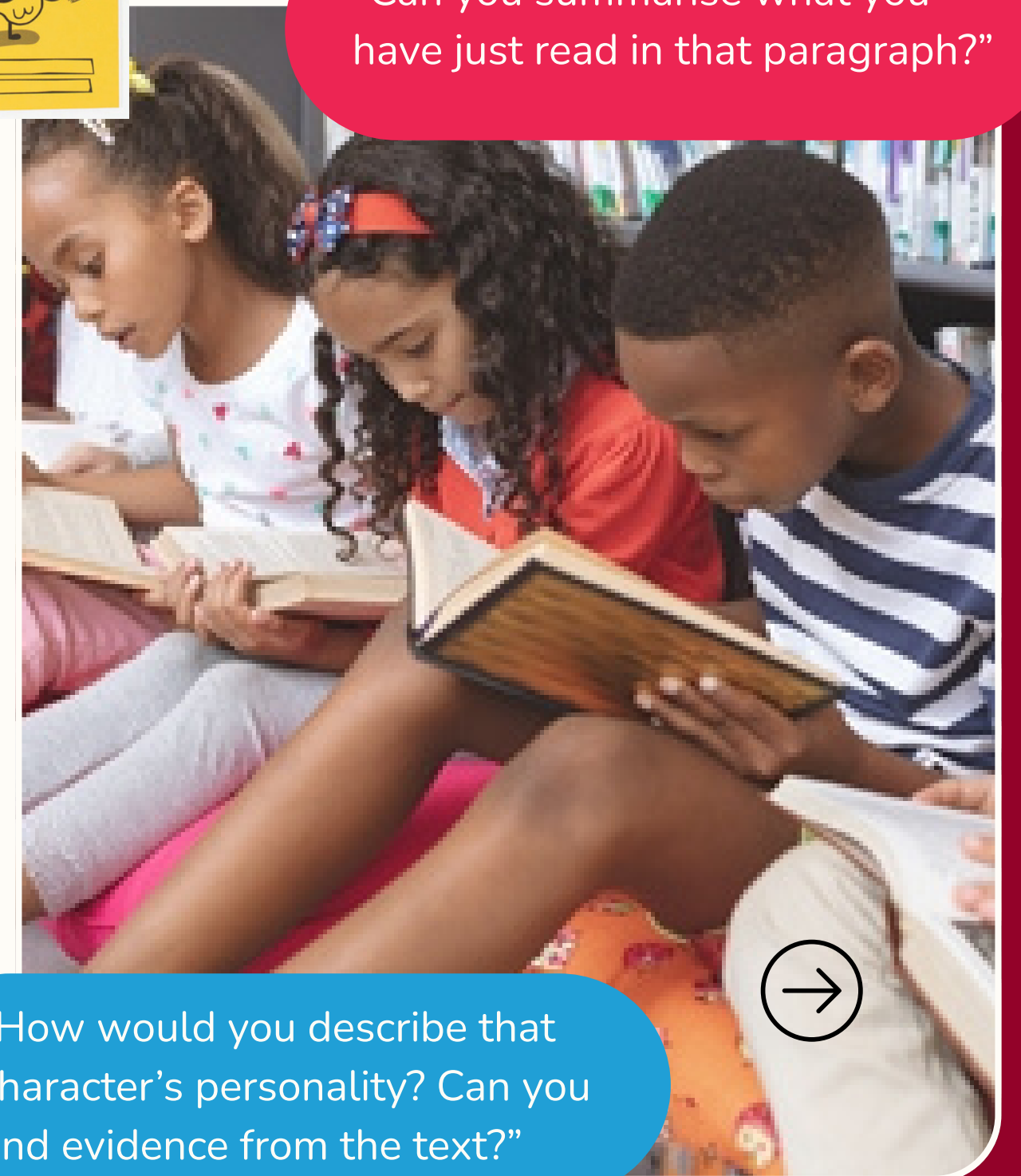


Sumdog tasks will be set, each week, and a spelling sheet will be sent home weekly to be completed.

Children are free to choose a class library book to read at home and must choose a colour-banded book (specific to each child). Reading record books will be used to record this and children must make a weekly comment. Reading records will be checked on a **Friday**.



“Can you summarise what you have just read in that paragraph?”



For more details on what your child is learning this half term check out our year group [Medium Term Plan](#)

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“How would you describe that character’s personality? Can you find evidence from the text?”