

We'd like to extend a very big thank you to all of the parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting this week. It was lovely to meet you all and hopefully you found it informative and useful. If you were unable to attend or have any questions regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Parry either by letter, after school on the playground or through the office.

The children really enjoyed their residential trip this week to Kingswood in Ashford. In particular, they enjoyed 'High Equilibrium', the 3G swing and building shelters in the woods. Although the nights were cold, the children worked together to complete challenges and everyone displayed a great attitude throughout the three days. The class also found the visit to the Dungeness nuclear power station interesting, as they were able to learn a little about nuclear fission and how it is a cleaner resource for providing electricity.

This week in Year 6 we have compared and contrasted the Old and New Testaments in the Bible as part of our Christianity topic in RE. We have started to round numbers to the nearest tenth and whole number in maths lessons this week, and we have taken the last of our baseline tests until the end of this term. The children all tried their best and we can now start to evaluate where there are gaps in their learning.

In the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting, the importance of reading at home and practising spellings was emphasised. If you can support your child in any way, we would appreciate it. The spellings in particular will help your children to achieve well in their SPaG test at the end of the year, and their writing assessment. The first spelling test will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, with every spelling test after scheduled every Wednesday. We thank you in advance for all of your support!

Next week we are looking forward to:

- Introducing our book for this term- 'Skellig' by David Almond.
- Learning to recognise and use subordinate clauses in our writing.
- Starting to add numbers using a range of methods.
- Exploring how nuclear fission can provide electricity for Britain.

#### Homework

The children have been set Maths homework (an interactive game about place value) last week on the ActiveLearn website. They are expected to have completed this by next Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>). Spellings will be handed out on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. If you feel that your child's spellings are not challenging enough (or are too challenging), please be aware that they have been given according to your child's test results this week and will be constantly under review according to weekly scores. You are welcome to let us know of your concerns at any time, of course.

#### Reading Record

The children have been given a reading record to complete over the course of the year. We expect the children to read five times a week and on one of these occasions they should read to an adult. This is important as it provides a check on the fluency and accuracy of reading and also provides an opportunity to talk about what the child is reading. Please remember that reading comes in many different forms e.g. newspaper articles, recipes, magazine articles, instructions, non-fiction books. It is always good to explore a range of genres. Buster's Book Club bookmarks have also been sent home for the children.

#### Attachments

We have attached the Year 5/6 spellings for your perusal (and if you want to test your child at home throughout the year- go ahead!). The spellings for each group have been attached as well, so that your child's spellings are always available. Your child will be told which group they are in on Monday so please don't feel as if you should test the children this weekend.

Have a restful weekend and enjoy having your children home again! We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival on Saturday.

**The Year 6 team**