

This week in Year 6 we have continued to explore the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond, listening to an interview with the author from 2012 to understand his intentions as well as identifying foreshadowing within the middle chapters. The children have taken their first speaking assessment this year, and from these we have identified strengths and weaknesses for the year ahead. The children all tried their best and the readings that they gave to the whole class were, overall, impressive! In SPaG, we have looked at the spelling rules of –sion –cian and –tion words, as well as using apostrophes correctly for omission or possession.

In maths lessons this week, we are now looking at measurement. The children have revised how to convert units of measurement such as mm to cm, as well as looking at imperial units such as miles. Also, we have discussed the 24 hour clock and Roman numerals, which are both topics that we will revisit before the end of the year.

The children took part in a Terrific Scientific lesson this week, as part of a BBC initiative launched last academic year. Next week, the children will replicate the experiments conducted in the programme and see if their results are similar. Unfortunately, due to time commitments, we were unable to watch it live. However, there are more Terrific Scientific investigations that Year 6 will be able to watch and participate in live later in the year. In other lessons, the children have learned about the role of the Prime Minister in British politics and have learned the story of Mary Jones and her quest for a Bible.

Next week we are looking forward to:

- Dissecting a heart to further understand how the human body works.
- Conducting an investigation into the effects of exercise on the heart.
- Using all four mathematical operations to solve problems.
- Our termly Paperless Day and library trip.
- End of term assessments to measure progress so far this year.

### Homework

The children have been set Maths homework about converting units of measurement. This is on a sheet this week as I am aware that some children have been unable to access their Activelearn account at home recently. They are expected to have completed this by next Wednesday (11th). They will also have their spelling test on the Wednesday. The SPaG activities sent home are about apostrophes- the work should be completed and sent back to school, again by Wednesday. Thank you for your support with this. If your child is unable to complete the homework for whatever reason, please let me know via a letter. Internet access is available at school for those who do not have it at home.

**The Year 6 team**