

This week in Year 6 we have been writing scary stories, looking in particular at creating an atmosphere using dialogue. We wrote playscripts and short stories and looked at the differences between the two types of text.

In maths lessons this week, we are now looking at multiplication. We have looked at a range of ways to multiply using mental and written methods, as well as putting multiplication into a context using multi-step questions.

In the afternoons, the class have written their own version of the Ten Commandments, discussed E-safety and have learned how to access and use a defibrillator safely in an emergency. Thank you to the parents who visited us on our Book Look afternoon. It was great to show you all of our hard work and we hope you enjoyed the experience.

Next term we are looking forward to:

- Starting our new class book 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'.
- Starting our history-based topic 'Changing the Monarchy', starting with 1066 and the Battle of Hastings.
- Cooking!
- Exploring poetry and writing our own poems.

#### Homework

The children have been set Maths homework about problem solving called 'Pens' on the Activelearn portal. They are expected to have completed this by the first Wednesday of week one (1st). They will have their spelling test on the second Wednesday of term (8<sup>th</sup>) and spellings will be given out on the first week back. I have sent the Year 5 and 6 recommended spelling list home with your child, should you wish to revise them over the half term (optional but definitely encouraged). The writing activity this week is a book review of 'Skellig'. Children can type this or handwrite. They should include their opinion, a basic summary of the plot and a recommendation. They may illustrate their book review. 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.

Thank you for all of your support during the first term of the year. Have a lovely half term and brace yourselves for the run up to Christmas!

**The Year 6 team**