

This week in Year 6 we have been looking at WWI poetry- in particular, 'Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. We have also started to study our class book this term 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' by J.K. Rowling. The children ended the week by writing their own poetry inspired by the symbolism in 'Flanders Fields'.

In maths lessons this week, we have been studying 2D and 3D shapes. In particular, we have found the perimeter, area and volume of shapes and have used the correct mathematical vocabulary to describe them. We have also found the area of compound shapes.

In the afternoons, the class have moved on to studying 1215 and the Magna Carta. The children really enjoyed designing their own Crusades shield, whilst thinking about the barons' attitudes towards King John and the reasons behind the Magna Carta.

Next week we are looking forward to:

- Beginning to study the Tudor dynasty.
- Starting to divide using different methods.
- Describing the character of 'Dobby' in 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'.

#### Homework

**We have begun our 'reading challenge' weeks in Year 6. Each week this term, the children will be asked to bring in a book to read from a certain genre or type of writing (if they have an example at home). Next week, we would like the children to bring in a non-fiction book to discuss with the class. The DK books are a particularly good example of child-friendly non-fiction books. It should not be a newspaper article.**

The children have been set Maths homework on sheets this week, testing their knowledge of finding the area of triangles. They are expected to have completed this by the Wednesday (8th). They will have their spelling test on the Wednesday, and all children have been sent spelling sheets home. **Unlike all other weeks, this week there will be no SPaG activity. Instead, I would like the children to research and/or try out a Tudor recipe (this does not have to be complicated! See <http://www.abbeyparkmiddle.worcs.sch.uk/tudorday.php> for ideas). Year 6 will be having a mini 'Tudor banquet' next Friday (17th) and any party food (labelled with any possible allergy triggers) and/or Tudor food would be greatly appreciated. The children will still have lunch that day at school. If you wish your child to avoid this activity, please let us know via letter or phone. I would like to remind you that we are a nut free school.**

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.

#### Reminders

**Please could I ask that as the weather grows colder, you send a coat into school with your child, along with gloves and sensible shoes with plenty of grip. For PE lessons, the children should have the correct kit- over the past few weeks, some children have had to miss lessons due to incorrect kit. Thank you for your support in this matter.**

**The Year 6 team**