



Year 6 Weekly News

6th September 2019

This week we have:

- Started reading our class novel 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman, using various skills including making predictions, summarising, locating figurative language and using inference to describe different characters' feelings.
- Written from the point of view of two different characters.
- Recognised place value in numbers up to 10,000,000.
- Discussed the term 'resilience' and how it helps us to face different challenges every day.
- Enjoyed an entertaining and informative session with Fantastic Fred, learning about strategies to promote general well-being and mental health.
- Begun learning a Street Dance routine in PE, demonstrating some impressive moves!

Next week we shall be:

- Continuing to read 'Pig Heart Boy' and using it to inspire our writing including the use of dialogue.
- Ordering and comparing numbers, rounding any number and interpreting negative numbers in context.
- Creating electrical circuits in Science and then recording and drawing these using scientific symbols.
- Beginning a new Music unit of work based around the song 'Happy'.
- Researching facts about the artist Alberto Giacometti, who will be inspiring our 3D artwork this term.

Homework:

The children have been issued with their Year 6 Homework Diaries. Please support them to ensure this is brought into school every day. Homework will officially start next week and will be sent home on a Friday and need to be returned by the following Thursday. Details of each homework task will be recorded in their homework diary.

Spellings:

This week's spelling list has been stuck into your child's homework diary and a spelling test on these words will take on **Thursday**. **(Due to the Kent Test taking place next week, the test will take place on Friday 13th September)**. Each week, a new set of words will be sent home in this way each Friday. We will be trialing this system during Term 1 and therefore not sending home the list for the whole term as explained during 'Meet the Teacher' last term. Please support your child to learn their spellings each week, ready for their test.

Buster's Book Club:

The children have been issued with their Autumn Term Buster's Book Club bookmark (stapled in the back of their homework diaries). One session of reading for 20 minutes or more should be record on the bookmark every week along with a parent/carer's signature. **Every Thursday**, we will collect and record the number of children who have met and/or exceeded their 20 minute target. **Next week, the class with the most number of readers will win vouchers to visit Pirate Cove Adventure Park.**

Further information and Key Events

Kent Test:

For those registered to take part, the Kent Test will be completed in school on Thursday 12th September. As this is quite a lengthy

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process and it requires great concentration we would urge you to ensure your child gets an early night on Wednesday and eats a healthy breakfast on Thursday morning. We wish all of the candidates the best of luck!

Kingswood Residential

Final preparations are underway for the residential visit. This week you should have received a 'Final Reminder' note and a letter providing the updated details of how to stay in touch with us whilst we are away. Please remember that any medication stated on your medical forms should be named and sent into school by **Monday 16th September**.

Open Evening Events at Secondary Schools

Please find below details of forthcoming open evening events. Please contact the schools directly for further details.

Please remember that your application for Year 7 places must be completed by **Thursday 31st October**

The Lenham School	26 th September 6-9pm
Valley Park	19 th September 6-9pm
Invicta Grammar School for Girls	3 rd October 6-9pm
Maidstone Grammar School for Girls	8 th October 5-8pm
Maidstone Grammar School for Boys	17 th October 4-6pm
Highworth Grammar School	17 th October (<i>please contact the school for timings</i>)
Norton Knatchbull	<i>Open Mornings</i> 18 th September, 24 th September, 15 th October, 16 th October from 9.15am

Bikeability

Bikeability training has been booked for w/c 7th October 2019. Letters will be sent home next week.

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