



Year 6 Weekly News

4th October 2019

This week we have:

- Continued our work on the four operations, focusing on short division.
- Tracked the feelings of the main character and then used this to plan and write a short narrative to match a scene in Pig Heart Boy.
- Worked on sample grammar questions from a SPAG (spelling, grammar and punctuation) paper.
- Conducted our science experiments to investigate how the length of wire affects the components within a circuit.

Next week we shall be:

- Holding a 'Long Division Clinic' to support and 'treat any conditions' linked to the baffling and sometimes scary method of long division.
- Writing a narrative to match scenes from a film clip from The Literacy Shed
- Discussing how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly as well as identifying a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.
- Creating our Giacometti wire sculptures in Art. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Costain for sending in a whole bag of coat hangers!
- Identifying and naming the main parts of the circulatory system, describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. **One of the activities planned for Thursday afternoon is a demonstration of the dissection of a lamb's heart. Mrs Fisher will be the one dissecting the heart and we hope this will engage the children and provide them with an excellent learning opportunity. If you do not want your child to take part in this activity, please inform Mrs Fisher in writing or by leaving a message with the office by Wednesday 9th October.**

Homework:

The focus for this week's maths homework is pencil and paper subtraction using Maths Whizz. This is an area of weakness but is also linked to our current focus of 'Four Operations' in maths. The expectation is to complete a minimum of 3 progressions - messages and rewards will be sent to those achieving or exceeding the target.

For English, the children will need to complete a grammar terminology exercise on SPAG.COM (usernames and passwords can be found in the children's homework diaries.) For anyone unable to access the internet at home, Mrs Fisher will be holding a homework club on Wednesday lunchtime. Homework needs to be completed by Thursday 10th October.

This week's spelling list has been stuck into your child's homework diary. Please encourage them to practise these at home. Spelling words will be tested next Thursday.

Science Homework (optional)

UKIAU have launched a competition to name a planet! If you have any fantastic ideas for a name, please visit the link below for more information. You should give your name ideas to your teacher by the 11th October. Winning names will be announced mid-December and if we have a winner at the school, there are prizes to be won!

<https://exoworld.co.uk/>

Buster Book Club:

This week, 13 children read for Buster Book Club which was slight dip on last week. We know that many of the children read before bedtime, so all they need to do is ask a parent/carer to sign and date their bookmark. Your support in helping your child to achieve this is greatly appreciated.

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Further information and Key Events

Bikeability Level 2:

For those children involved, bikes and helmets will be needed in school on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing (this can be non-uniform) for all weather conditions as the training will continue even if it is raining,

School Website:

Please keep an eye on the Class 6 page of the school website as we begin to blog photos and descriptions of some of the learning the children have been involved in at school.

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**

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

An Important Message From The Lenham School

We are currently running our Open Mornings for Year 6 students and we have been told by quite a large number of parents that they were under the impression that if their child didn't already have a sibling at The Lenham School, there was no point in applying for a place here as we are very oversubscribed.

We would like to make parents aware that we were not oversubscribed last year and that anyone wishing to choose The Lenham School as one of their preference schools will be given the opportunity to take a place here. If KCC do not allocate a place here parents can appeal: we did not oppose any of the appeals we received last year, from parents whose child wanted to be at our school.

Mental Health Day:

The school will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October. We invite the children to wear yellow to school that day in exchange for a 50p donation to youngminds.org.uk.

Book Look:

Book Look will be held at 2:30pm on Monday 14th October. The children are really looking forward to sharing their learning from Term 1 with you.

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