



Year 6 Weekly News

24th January 2020

This week we have:

- Converted fractions to decimals and vice versa before moving onto calculating percentages.
- Edited and improved our own stories written to create suspense and atmosphere.
- Explored and recited the poem 'The Angel' written by William Blake, and written our own poems about Skellig.
- Investigated synonyms (words that are similar in meaning) and antonyms (words that are opposite in meaning).
- Explored the characteristics that can be passed on to the offspring of living things, as well as extracting the DNA of a strawberry!

Next week we shall be:

- Continuing to calculate using percentages.
- Completing a further 'trial run' of some of the Maths SAT papers.
- Taking part in a debate before exploring the features of balanced arguments in order to plan our own.
- Completing a practice reading comprehension assessment.
- Continuing our Science topic, exploring how living things have changed, evolved and adapted over time and how fossils provide information.
- Beginning our RE unit entitled 'What do religions say when life gets hard?' Please read the [Further Information](#) box below for important details of the unit.
- Visiting The Lenham School for a cross curricular PE session on the morning of **Wednesday 29th January**. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school.

Homework:

For **English** this week, the children have been given a new 'Spag Spotter' Grammar worksheet. Their task is to identify specific word classes within given sentences. This is due for completion by **Thursday 30th January**.

New spelling words have been issued and uploaded to Spelling Shed. The children need to practise these words in readiness for their spelling test next Friday.

Please continue to encourage your child to read every night and record their reading in their Homework Diary. Some of the children have finished their first reading book this term and are recommending books to each other! On Thursday, 19 children brought in their signed reading bookmarks. Just a handful of children had remembered to record their **daily reading** in their diaries. Reading books and homework diaries must be brought into school and then taken home again every day. Thank you for your continued support with this.

For **Maths** this week, the children have been set two tasks. Firstly, they have been given a worksheet on 'converting fractions to decimals'. The children will need to use their knowledge of short division, remembering to use a zero as a place holder to continue the division. Secondly, they are being asked to complete **3 progressions on Maths Whizz**. The learning platform has been set to focus on percentages as this will help to consolidate knowledge from the lessons. This homework is due for completion by **Thursday 30th January**.

The children are encouraged to practise and improve their times table recall speed by visiting 'The Studio' <https://trockstars.com/>. Can they decrease their answering time to beat the superstar we currently have in Year 4?

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Further information and Key Events

SAT Parent Meeting

A reminder that we will be running a KS2 SATs meeting after school on **Monday 27th January** in the Year 6 classroom. This meeting is intended to inform you about the arrangements and expectations of the SAT assessments in May and how the school and you as parents can best support your children in preparing for them. We look forward to seeing you there from 3.15pm.

Religious Education

Next week, we will begin our Term 3 RE unit of work: What do religions say when life gets hard? Within this unit, we will be discussing the topic of 'death', focussing on beliefs and key concepts linked to life after death according to Christians, Hindus and non-religious groups. The unit also supports children to reflect on and express their own ideas about death and the idea of life beyond. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to come and talk to Mrs Fisher.

PE session at The Lenham School

On **Wednesday 29th January**, we will be enjoying a cross-curricular PE lesson at The Lenham School. Please ensure that the children have a full PE kit in school.

Book Look for Term 3

Book Look this term will take place from 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th February.

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