



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th January – Issue 16

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I am excited to share with you some of the work that the staff here at Star have been doing. As I told parents in the PIM's at the start of the year, one of our main priorities is trying to understand how we can improve children's **engagement, attention and mental wellbeing**. The staff have started researching and we would now like to share a little bit of our research with you. Next week we will send all parents a short introduction video via parentmail to explain what we have been working on. We will then invite parents to a workshop to share some findings with you and give you a few strategies to try at home. Please look out for the initial video next week.

As the temperatures have started to drop, we want to remind all parents to please make sure that all coats, hats and gloves are labeled and if your child is in need of a new coat, please consider a coat with a distinctive colour or marking. **We have a LOT of unlabelled black coats!**

This is a very important term for your child's learning and we are working very hard to make sure that every day counts. The government is also setting up the campaign to make sure that every child attends school for the maximum amount of days possible. Please work with us to ensure that your child is in school everyday. You can see each classes attendance and the overall school attendance here in the newsletter each week. Every Monday, the children get very excited in assembly to see which class received the attendance cup or attendance bears - **Please help your child's class effort. 100% classes get extra playtime.**

Ms Von

Nurturing and Growing Together

Year Six - Junior Citizens

Gang Prevention Workshop



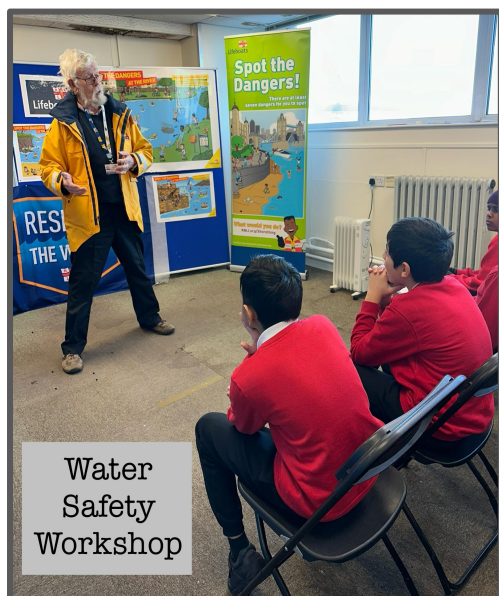
TFL Safety Workshop



Bus Safety Workshop



Water Safety Workshop



Online Safety Workshop



Making Drug-Free Choices



On Wednesday, Year 6 attended a range of workshops run by the Metropolitan Police. Here they learnt all about how to become well informed citizens; these workshops also enabled the children to come away with the skills necessary to enable them to make better choices in the future as they transition into secondary school.

New Year, New Online Safety

Although you may have made your own new year resolutions, why not consider making some family new year resolutions too? There's no denying that the way we use tech continues to evolve, so let's pledge some new year resolutions to take on tech with a new approach.

Below you'll find some of our ideas for new year resolutions for 2024. Why not sit down together as a family and choose a few to tackle together – or maybe even make up some digital resolutions of your own!

LET'S MAKE 2024 THE YEAR OF A SAFER ONLINE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

1. We will speak kinder online

Words matter. Whether spoken out loud or posted online, what we say to each other can have an impact. Let's make 2024 the year of using our words to **'speak kinder'** online.

2. We will have healthier screen time habits

Over the past few years, we have started to rely on screens more than ever: for entertainment, socialising, work, and homework. While this isn't necessarily a bad thing, we need to be mindful of our screen time habits and how they impact us. Let's make this the year we take back control of our screen time habits! **A good example would be to have a device-free dinner time.**

3. We will be cyber secure

Being privacy and security aware is one of the greatest tools for **creating a safer online experience** for the whole family. This resolution could include doing things like **creating better passwords, learning how to spot dodgy links and emails and keeping scam aware.** To help you on your way, check out this [Cyber Security Toolkit](#) for children.

4. We will use tech to learn together as a family

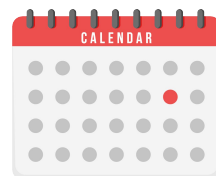
For 2024, make a family resolution to **use the internet to broaden your horizons and learn something new.** It could be a new skill to try together, like learning a new language!

5. We will keep ourselves safe

One of the best things you can do this year to help you stay safer online is to make sure you're staying informed about **safeguarding alerts** and what's happening in the digital safeguarding news. The easiest way to do this is to listen to this [weekly Safeguarding Soundbytes podcast!](#) It's free, easy to access, and delivers the latest safeguarding news in a 'byte sized' way.



Dates for the Diary



18/01/24 - Year 2 Museum Visit

09/02/24 - Year 6 Theatre Visit

12/02/24 - 16/02/24 - School closed for half-term break

20/03/24 - Parents Evening

Every Friday 8-9am - Parent Toddler Group

Year Six Pupil Leadership Weekly Reflection

It was so wonderful to see all of our Star pupils supporting one another in the playground this week.

As we start our new term, we focus on 'Growth' and how we will grow as individuals whether that be by accomplishing goals or learning something new.

Take time to reflect this week on how you will 'grow' yourself.

Remember to always try your best and work hard!



Victoria - 6R

Attendance at Star

Did you come to school everyday this week?

Which classes achieved the highest attendance?

Who will get the attendance cup?

Last Week's Results

Reception

RB - 85.9%

RP - 79.5%

RU - 92%

Year 1

1B - 80.4%

1R - 66%

1S - 89.3%

Year 2

2P - 95.4%

2S - 80.4

2V - 80.4%

Year 3

3G - 94%

3L - 88.5%

3R - 83.3%

Year 4

4H - 71.7%

4L - 79.3%

4S - 81.3%

Year 5

5N - 68.3%

5R - 93.3%

5RK - 91.7%

Year 6

6H - 82.1%

6P - 75.9%

6R - 75.9%

Whole school attendance - 82.5%

Happy Leaves



This half term we are celebrating pupils who have shown good examples of **SUPPORT**.
The winners in this week's assembly were...

Nursery AM - Muhammad A PM - Mohammed H	Reception RU - Jessie RP - Ivy RB - Kaden
Year 1 1B - Mahfooz 1R - Valentina 1S - Bryan	Year 2 2P - Alfie 2S - Trudy 2V - Ayyub
Year 3 3G - Rahil 3L - Samuel G 3R - Samuel K	Year 4 4H - Sukhvir 4L - Shanari 4S - Millie
Year 5 5R - Rayhan 5RK - Ben 5N - Timur	Year 6 6H - Sophie 6R - Rayan 6P - Sarah

Golden lunches

Class teachers select one pupil per week to have a golden lunch with the Headteacher or Deputies. This is awarded to those that show the **most progress** or make the most effort in their learning!

This week's winners

Reception

RB - Sienna

RP - Tabaan

RU - Mabel

Year 1

1B - Mariana

1S - Liyana

1R - Martin

Year 2

2S - Malachi

2P - Ajan

Year 3

3R - Mahir

3G - Zohan

3L - Teddie

Year 4

4H - Omar

4S - Vanessa

4L - Danny

Weekly Newsletters

All the information you need in one place!

The following pages contain our year group newsletters with all the information about the upcoming week.

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Nursery NEWSLETTER



WEEK BEGINNING 12.01.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,
We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and were able to celebrate with all your family and friends! This time of year is a great opportunity to set personal goals! Maybe you could set yourself a new year's resolution and try something new this year!

We are starting a new theme this term: **The Earth our Home!** This will be a really exciting opportunity to learn all about the world around us with a focus on mini crawlers.



We will continue reading **The very busy spider** and we will use this as a great learning opportunity - we will be developing our attention and focus, communication and language as well as our mathematical skills whilst using positional language.



The Nursery children will also continue practising their **perseverance skills** by not give up easily, even when facing challenges like fastening zips on out coats, opening a milk carton or making snips with scissors.

STAR MOMENTS



Jayden gets sticker!



I put the lid on my water bottle. I made it whole!



There's 6 candles on my cake. I am 6 today!



I made a truck! It has wheels nd seats.



Well done to all of the Nursery children for their amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning.

This week, our **Growth** happy leaves go out to:
AM - Muhammad A PM - Mohammed H

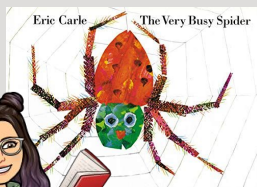
OVER TO YOU

This term's theme is **The Earth Our Home**. Please use this opportunity to discuss with your child what you can do to Cut Your Carbon and look after our Earth - eating all the food on your plate to minimise food wastage.

[Click for more info.](#)

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The very busy spider



Rhymes to practise:
10 in the bed



Please keep on sharing your WOW moments from home on Tapestry. Your teachers love seeing them! Thank you to those parents who are active on Tapestry, it's great to have your contributions of the learning that is happening at home!

- Please return your reading foder every Friday to ensure the books are being changed in time for Monday.
- As the weather is getting cold, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing.
- All your child's belongings must be **clearly labelled** to avoid things being misplaced. Did your child come home wearing the wrong jumper? Please check its label and return if this belongs to someone else.

Any Questions?



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Reception NEWSLETTER

WEEK BEGINNING: 12.01.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Well done for coming back with such positive attitudes for learning! We have a very exciting week ahead of us! During phonics, we will continue to learn new sounds and consolidate the ones we have already learnt.



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Fred Talk



In maths, we will be continuing our unit on 'counting'. We will be practising through a range of hands on activities and games!

After a fantastic week learning all about recycling, we will be moving onto another huge concept – global warming! We are going to be reading 'The Polar Bears Home'. This will be a great opportunity for us to discuss global warming and look at what we can do to help.



STAR MOMENTS



I made 12! 10 and 2 makes 12!



We're making lunch for the baby!



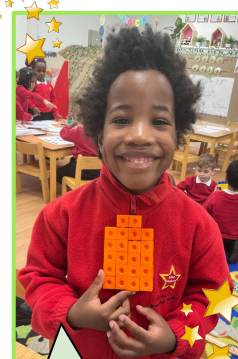
I made my own book!



Look at my tower, it's so tall!



Arvy enjoyed his spaghetti in the lunch hall!



I made 22 using cubes!

DON'T FORGET...

- P.E. is on Tuesday – children need to wear their P.E. kit to school.
- Wear your Fit Friday kit on Fridays. If you haven't purchased this yet, the P.E. kit will be acceptable. Follow the link to purchase your personalised kit: <https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/back-to-school>
- Please ensure your child has at least a set of spare clothes in their bag (top, bottom, underwear and socks) as well as a pair of wellies to be left in school.
- All your child's belongings must be **clearly labeled**.
- Share your WOW moment from home on Tapestry. Your teachers will be thrilled to see them.



Over to you. HOME LEARNING

Here are some links that you can use to watch phonics videos to support your child's learning:



Blending



How to say the sounds

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Week beginning

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Year 1 Newsletter



STAR moments

GOLDEN LUNCH

Every week a child from each class will be chosen to have lunch with the Headteacher for their outstanding work.

1R: Martin
1S: Liyana
1B: Mariana

Happy leaves this term will go to children who have shown **growth** and **support**.

Talk to your child about how they can develop greater independence and what they can do to cope when things are not going well.

1R: Valentina
1S: Bryan
1B: Mahfooz



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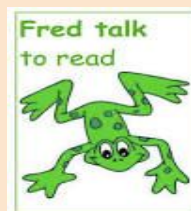
Our highlights ..

Spring 2: Earth our Home



English:

As writers, we will be continuing our phonics journey using our Read Write Inc books. Children will be learning new sounds, reading and writing everyday.



Maths:

As mathematicians, we will learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Please remember to keep accessing Mathletics at home where work linked to this topic will be assigned.



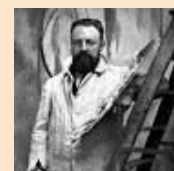
Mathletics

RSHE:

This term, children will be learning about what support means, and demonstrating understanding of how they are supported at home and at school.

Art:

As artists, we will be learning a new skill. Children will be learning about the technique of collage through the eyes of Henri Matisse. Children will be able to talk about what they like and do not like about an artist.



Science:

As scientist, we will be starting a new scientific investigation. Children will be introduced to the topic `animals including humans` through a Now Press Play experience.

Over to you...Home learning

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

Pupils must:

- Log on and use **BUG CLUB** daily
(please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use **MATHLETICS** daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. **Phonics session videos** will be sent regularly.
- Extra RWI phonics -
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>



Don't forget...

- Read everyday for 10 minutes.** We will be giving out three reading books; an Oxford book, a decodable RWI book and a read for pleasure book. We expect all children to have read everyday with a comment written in their record books.
- Fit Friday will be carrying on as usual on Friday,** again children must come to school wearing Fit Friday t-shirts and trainers.
- P.E. day is on Monday.** Please wear black bottoms and a white t-shirt.
- Bug Club and Mathletics** is still mandatory for 5 or 10 minutes daily, on a Friday each class will announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions. Please encourage your child to read as it builds their confidence and vocabulary.

Week beginning
12.02.2024



Year 2
Newsletter



Important messages:

Trip to the Natural History Museum – Thursday 18th January 2023.

ALL CHILDREN WILL ARRIVE BACK AT SCHOOL AT 3PM!

Please check your parent mail to ensure you give your child consent to go on this trip and other information.

Happy Leaves

Our happy leaves will focus on Support and Growth.



2S: Trudy. You have shown such growth since the start of the year. You are now a confident, helpful young girl who shows such maturity.

2P: Alfie! I have noticed how much you have grown since the start of year 2. You are more confident and are contributing more in class to myself and your classmates.

2V: Ayyub, you have shown a consistent, positive attitude for learning. This has meant that you have continued to grow and progress in your learning.

Our learning... The Earth Our Home

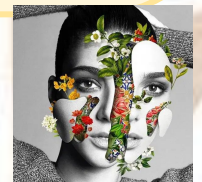
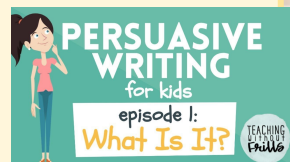
Maths: We will be exploring length and how we measure accurately.

English: In English we will start our first writing cycle which will be based on a debate about Climate Change and ocean pollution.

RSHE: We will learn all about what support is, how we can support ourselves and who supports us.

Art: We will experiment and learn about the technique of collage and carbon printing.

RE: We will start our new topic of what stories can teach us about peace.



Don't forget!

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings for 5 minutes and their reading everyday. Each week your child needs to complete their homework and hand it in on Friday morning.

Please also continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars.



There will be a winner for our weekly Year 2 competition!
Fantastic participation to...

2P



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Week beginning 12.01.2024

Year 3 Newsletter



Attendance is Key: Please ensure that your child is at school every day so that they do not miss out on important learning.

Happy Leaves

This week's Happy Leaf recipients were:

3G -Rahil for displaying great growth and independence and being a wonderful support buddy for his peers.

3L - Samuel for stepping into his role of school counselor by becoming increasingly responsible and supportive to his peers

3R - Samuel for excellent support of his peers with their learning and helping to keep them on task.

Golden Lunch recipients:

3G: Zohan for the fantastic effort he put into his RSHE work on Support.

3L: Teddie- for working really hard in his first cold write in English, using capital letters and finger spaces!

3R: Mahir for his excellent letter packed with persuasive features

Congratulations to the children who achieved this week and to those who had the golden. Very proud of your resilience and dedication, education!

Earth Our Home

We have lots of exciting lessons planned:

English: We will be delving deeper into deforestation. We will be embedding all our learning to write a persuasive letter about deforestation

Maths: In Maths, we will be exploring measurement. We will start off by measuring using mm and cm and exploring the relationship between the two units of measurement.

Science: In Science we will be exploring plants. "How do plants produce food for us?" is our key question. We will be looking at the different parts of a plant and their functions

Geography: Where does our food come from? We will be investigating the journey of the different foods we eat.

RE: In our first lesson we explore the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah and compare it to New Years Celebrations.

RSHE: We will be teaching the children about their Support. Who are in their support system and why support is important.

Art Year 3: In Art we will be exploring what we know about symmetry and how we can use nature to create symmetrical patterns.

Don't forget!

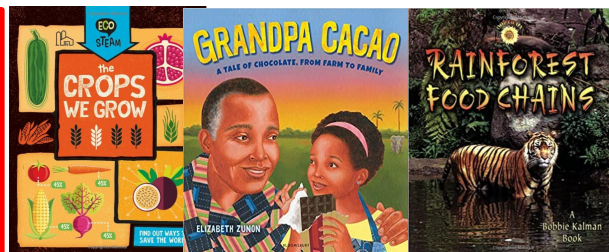
Children will be given weekly spellings to practise for 5 minutes each night. They will be tested on Fridays. We politely ask children to practice the strategies and extend themselves by using the words in a sentence so that they understand the meaning. There will also be a big focus on Reading. So, please do ensure that you read with your child daily and that you record their progress in the Reading record provided. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on our online learning platforms including Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars. P.E is on Wednesday - please wear your PE kit to school. Fit Friday is every Friday.

Home learning

Please remember to read every day with your child particularly over half term, this should be kept record of in their Reading Record Books.

Children will be sent home with books and will be asked to keep them in their book bags which they can now bring to school daily. Children will also be given weekly spellings beginning next week.

By the end of all Year 3 children need to know their 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables fluently. So, please log in to Mathletics and TTRS to help you secure a Bronze Badge before the end of this academic year!



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Week beginning

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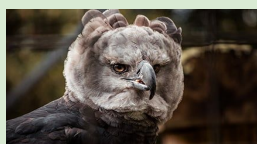
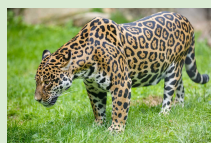
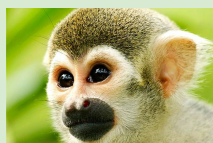
Year 4 Newsletter



STAR moments

Welcome back to a new term. The children appeared excited to be back and are ready to engage in some new learning.

We have begun a new topic called Earth Our Home and already this has been met with great enthusiasm within the classes. We have been talking about adopting an animal and the children have been asked to think of an animal from the rainforest they would like each class to adopt. Ask your child what they think, maybe do some research as a family.



This Week's Learning

In English, we will evaluate advertisements for their impact, appeal and honesty, focusing in particular on how information about products is presented: exaggerated claims, tactics for grabbing attention, linguistic devices such as puns, jingles, alliteration, invented words. This will lead us into creating a persuasive leaflet over the coming weeks about saving the rainforests. In our shared Reading sessions, we are reading a lovely book called The Great Kapok Tree. We are using this book to read together and discover the wonders of the rainforest. The children also need their reading books and reading records every day for these lessons so please remind your child to bring theirs into school.

In Maths this week, the children are learning how to multiply three numbers. As scientists, the children will be investigating plants and animals and their different habitats. This week we will look at explaining the different feeding roles of animals in a habitat.

In R.E. we are learning about the Hindu faith and in particular what Hindus believe about Gods.

In Geography, we will be taking a closer look at the Amazon rainforest. We will use Digimaps to discover where it is in the world and looking at its physical features.

We will continue our weekly Spanish lessons with Mr Ramonet. Your child has a Languagenut login inside their reading record to work on at home. Please encourage your child to log on.

In PE, the children will begin working on their gymnastic and fitness skills. Finally in music, the children will be learning about Gamelan music from Indonesia and looking at notation and rhythm. As you can see, we have a very busy week ahead!

Don't forget!

Please ensure your child is at the school gate by 7:45am!

At Star, we have Brighter Starts breakfast and singing in class from 7:50 - 8.10 every morning to support your child with starting the day with as much energy as possible. However we have started to notice in Year 4 children entering school much later than this. Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

Over to you...Home learning

Log on to **Mathletics** and complete the work assigned to you each day! **Log in details are in your reading record.**

Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto **Bug Club** each day. Remember to share a chapter from your favourite book with someone at home too.

Strive to achieve your bronze, silver or gold awards on **Times Tables Rockstars** too.

Mathletics

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Week beginning

12.01.2024

Year 5 Newsletter



STAR moments

Happy Leaves

Congratulations to the recipients of Monday's Happy Leaves!

5N – Timur, for bring a constant source of support to his peers in the classroom. He always notices when someone is struggling and supports them in an empathetic and caring way – a great role model to us all!

5R –Rayhan for continuously demonstrating motivation and determination to achieve his goals. Rayhan has a growth mindset which enables him to embrace challenges and can reflects on how he can further improve. Rayhan is mature beyond his years. Well done.

5RK –Ben – Ben receives this week's Happy Leaf for being a supportive member of 5RK at all times towards his peers. Well done Ben for being an excellent role model.



Our topic this term is the Earth Our Home

Next week ...

In Shared Reading, we will be supplementing our English research by reading non-fiction texts relating to the effects of climate change.

In English, we will be researching forest fires and flooding for our climate change information leaflets.

In Grammar, we will be identifying and using coordinating conjunctions.

In Maths, we will begin to read line graphs and learn how to interpret and analyse the data.

In Geography, we will be continuing our focus on North America, comparing physical and geographical features of California. We will also be continuing our interesting work on the Zero Carbons Schools project.

In RE, we will be reading the ancient story of Jonah and the Whale and relating it to the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur.

In Science, we will be continuing our work on life cycles – this time exploring the difference between a butterfly's and a stick insect's life cycle.

Home reading – please find the time to read with your child at home every day, it really does make such a difference to their progress. Ensure you write in their reading record so we know they have read at home. Children should also be bringing their reading books and records to school every day.

Please ensure your child is in class by 8:00am!

Our wonderful Brighter Starts sessions in the morning are a wonderful way to kick-start our day and the children get so much out of it. Please make sure they are here to join in!

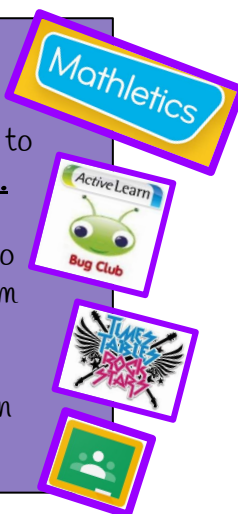


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Week beginning

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Year 6 Newsletter



STAR moments

Golden Lunch Pupils:

6P: Amana 6R: Jennifer 6H: Henry

Happy Leaves

6P: Sarah, for always being a supportive member of the class. Sarah is always there to support her peers with a smile on her face! She never hesitates to be there for others and is always willing to comfort them when needed.

6H: Sophie, for her fantastic effort during Music. She shows that she is motivated to do well by participating and working well in groups. She is also very supportive of her peers, which has earned the recognition and praise from Ms Marshall! Well done!

6R: Shayaan, for his brilliant growth since September. He is now asking relevant questions and really concentrating on the lesson in hand. His progress has been fantastic!



Our topic is...Earth our Home

In Reading, we will be using texts based around our planet and climate change to support us in developing our reading skills.

In English, we will be identifying the differences between the active and passive voice as well as write a persuasive letter based around climate change.

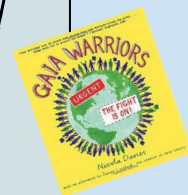
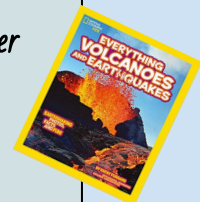
In Maths, we will be learning how to add and subtract proper and improper fractions.

In Science, we will be classifying vertebrates animals.

In Geography, we will be exploring what happens when tectonic plates move.

In Art, we will be focusing on the Artist Barbara Kruger and exploring how she creates her collages.

In RE we will be exploring what Hindus believe about reincarnation.



Don't forget!

P.E is on Thursday so you need to come into school dressed in your P.E. kit with black trainers!

On Fit Fridays, you need to come into school dressed in your Fit Friday kit with black trainers!

Over to you...Homework

This week, you will be given SATs Companion logins to keep at home. If you haven't done so already, begin to use SATs Companion regularly to develop and improve your Reading, Grammar and Maths. You could start by consolidating some Year 5 topics and then move onto Year 6 topics. Your teachers will be assigning tasks for you to complete. <https://app.satscompanion.com/login>

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