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# Year 6 News



Our newsletter with all the latest updates from school

**19th March 2021**

## Learning this week

### WELCOME BACK!

It has been wonderful being back in school and seeing all of the children. They have all returned with eagerness and enthusiasm.

In English we have been exploring the text *Holes*. We have been refreshing some of our retrieval skills and looking at how character emotions are described to show, rather than tell, the reader what a character is feeling.



We have enjoyed recapping how to write successful diaries in English and look forward to writing our own this week.

Our Maths unit has been focused on algebra. We have been looking at simple one-step function machines, formulae and equations. They have used strategies to find the functions using trial and improvement or considered the pattern of differences. Children have been introduced to conventions that we use when writing algebraic expressions. e.g.  $y \times 4$  is written as  $4y$ .

In our Marvellous Maya Topic we have located where they lived and have been making comparisons to the Mayan civilization with the British civilization timeline. In science we experimented with Skittles and Jelly babies to explore diffusion and osmosis—very technical!

## In Memory of their Dad - Giving Something Back to Say Thank You.

One of our families has suffered the sad loss recently of their father and pupils Ethan (now Year 7) and Ollie (4W) wanted to do something in his memory. They are raising money to help the ICU for the Mid and South Essex Hospitals Charity. The boys came up with the amazing idea of giving something back to all the Doctors and Nurses who helped their dad, Wayne, during his time in the ICU. He fought so hard to beat this virus.

So far, they have raised over £4100 - an incredible amount. I am sure you would want to join us in saying a huge well done to the boys for their incredible effort at a difficult time. They are true heroes. We all send our love to the family. If you would like to donate, this is the link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Leah-Gough?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=Leah-Gough1&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=55e31bbf98c54f60b0d7dc0f18101d46](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Leah-Gough?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Leah-Gough1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=55e31bbf98c54f60b0d7dc0f18101d46)

## HOMWORK THIS WEEK

**Maths — Arithmetic Quiz**

**English — SPAG and spelling quiz**

**Reading 5 times a week, record in home school book**

**TTRockstars and Spelling Shed - 15 minutes per day**

**Check your Google Accounts for homework and extra activities!**

**Homework tasks must be completed by 8am**

**on Wednesday 24th March**



## EASTER WALKS

*Next week the children will be doing our annual Easter Walk. They will tour the school, stopping off at stations which represent events during Holy Week. During this activity, the children will reflect on what happened in the lead up to Jesus' death and his resurrection. It is a thought-provoking and peaceful part of their year—make sure you ask them about it next week.*

## Word list – years 5 and 6

accommodate	embarrass	persuade
accompany	environment	physical
according	equip (–ped, –ment)	prejudice
achieve	especially	privilege
aggressive	exaggerate	profession
amateur	excellent	programme
ancient	existence	pronunciation
apparent	explanation	queue
appreciate	familiar	recognise
attached	foreign	recommend
available	forty	relevant
average	frequently	restaurant
awkward	government	rhyme
bargain	guarantee	rhythm
bruise	harass	sacrifice
category	hindrance	secretary
cemetery	identity	shoulder
committee	immediate(ly)	signature
communicate	individual	sincere(ly)
community	interfere	soldier
competition	interrupt	stomach
conscience*	language	sufficient
conscious*	leisure	suggest
controversy	lightning	symbol
convenience	marvellous	system
correspond	mischievous	temperature
criticise (critic + ise)	muscle	thorough
curiosity	necessary	twelfth
definite	neighbour	variety
desperate	nuisance	vegetable
determined	occupy	vehicle
develop	occur	yacht
dictionary		
disastrous		