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Pathway to Excellence
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2



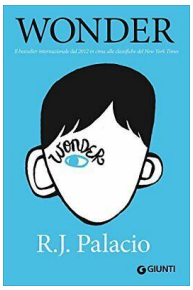
Topic: Have you ever Wondered?

Hello and welcome back to Autumn 2. Our class novel and whole class reading lessons will help the children to deepen their comprehension and analysis skills further this term
Last term, several children challenged themselves by selecting books from our Reading Rocket challenge as their reading books —it's wonderful to see them reading books that are thought-provoking and inspiring.
If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

Weekly schedule

Monday:	PE Hand in homework & reading records
Wednesday:	Mrs Tennant teaching
Thursday:	PE (Exposure Sport) Homework given out

English



The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel:
'Wonder' by R J Palacio

As well as prompting discussion around the issues faced by the central character, the book will inspire narrative writing on the theme of characters overcoming obstacles.

When writing, we will develop skills to create purposeful, effective sentences which show a range of grammatical features and include rich, powerful yet relevant vocabulary, cohesive devices to link sentences and paragraphs as well as effective use of punctuation including hyphens, dashes, colons and semi-colons.

The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering, in detail, the vocabulary choices made by the author.

Mathematics

The term will include fractions work: using highest common factors to simplify and lowest common multiples to order and compare. Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing of fractions will also be explored. We will also be finding fractions of shapes and amounts.
Regular arithmetic practice will also feature this term along with the order of operations and finding the mean average.

History

Throughout the term we will be discovering the fascinating Maya civilisation by learning about their buildings, gods, sacrifices, food, number system and calendar . This will allow for comparison with other historical eras and events as well as our lives today.



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PE

Dance will be continuing for the first few weeks of this term and taking place on Monday. We will then look at fitness and wellbeing. On Thursday, we will be looking at invasion games with the focus on tactics.



Music

We will be exploring songs that speak. This focuses on the understanding that words enhance the comprehension of the subject and supports the development of musical skills and creativity.



Art/DT

We will be completing our work on artist Paul Nash, before starting our Maya history work which will create inspired art pieces created using print.

RE

Class 6 will consider Christianity and the question: 'Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?'

MFL

Class 6 will be exploring how to talk in full sentences in French for everyday topics including likes, dislikes, hobbies, clothes, school and food.

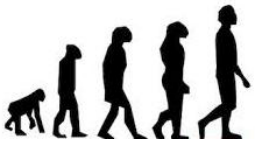
PSHE

This term's sequence of lessons about connecting with others: What does it mean to stand up for myself and others?

Computing

Children will consider the impact technology has on their health, wellbeing & lifestyle in the eSafety lessons. Additionally, they will be exploring 3D modelling using Tinkercad.

Science



Evolution & Inheritance and *Living Things & Habitats* will be our areas of focus. Considering how animals and plants adapt over time to survive and the evidence that supports this will inform our learning.

How you can support your child at home?

Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss the areas reading helps you with each day.
Ask them to tell you about their reading book and discuss likes, dislikes and questions they have.
Support as needed with this term's homework linked to multiplication, division and reading.
Explore weights and capacity of household items such as flour, crisps, cheese, squash and milk.
Your support is vital and much appreciated.
Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to - email via the school office.
Mrs Smith

Important Dates:

Wednesday 11th Nov	Open Afternoon for all parents to visit class 6 and attend Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 11th Nov	PAWs Disco 5.45pm
Friday 13th Nov	Children in Need
Friday 4th Dec	PAWs Christmas Mufti
Frisay 11th Dec	PAWs Winter Warmer 2pm start.
Tuesday 15th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th Dec	KS2 Xmas Party
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of term

Christmas Break