

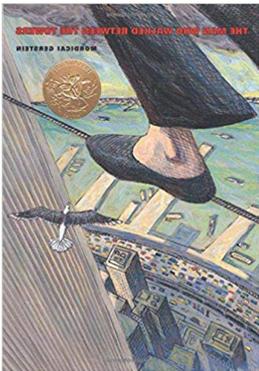
# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 6 Term 2 2020/2021

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the term. This term is full of great learning opportunities and experiences.

### We are readers and authors

Our writing this term will be based on *The Man Who Walked between the Towers* by Mordecai Gerstein. Pupils will be learning to write news reports and newspaper reports that will centre around the same events within the book.



This will give pupils an opportunity to revise relative clauses and learn all about passive voice and how it can be used effectively.

In reading this term, pupils will consolidate their ability to answer a range of retrieval questions. They will also be focussing on more complex reading skills such as interpreting a text. Pupils will continue to expand their vocabulary too.

It is expected that pupils in year 6 read for 30 minutes at home, every day: this will help their reading stamina and give them opportunities to relax with a book too.



### We are mathematicians

In maths this term, Year 6 will be using their knowledge of place value and number to solve problems using the

four operations. This will include knowing formal methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

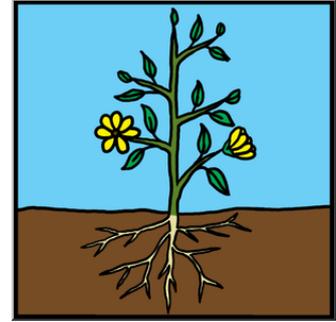
Please support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to access Mathletics and practise their number knowledge. This term, Year 6 will be learning multiplication techniques. It is crucial that your child knows their multiplication tables to  $12 \times 12$ .

There is a link to a great website on our ClassDojo Class Story. This website will support your child to be successful with their times tables. You can find the full web address at the bottom of this letter too.

## We are scientists

In Science, we will be studying plant structures. This will give pupils the opportunity to carry out investigation into plants and how they function.

Your child will be posing questions and using their scientific mind to answer these questions in a fair way. This will help the children to develop their scientific thinking through investigations.



For this term, pupils are working on their teamwork skills and self-improvement in sport.

We will be focussing on improving our throwing, catching and aiming techniques.

The children will have PE every Thursday.

Group boxing with Empire Boxing Gym will also take place on Thursday.



Pupils will be assessed through-out the term to identify their individual spelling needs. These assessments will give your child an individualised list of spellings that they will then need to learn at home.

Pupils will be retested on their spellings so it is important that you support them with their homework.

Each week, the new spellings will be posted on ClassDojo. Your child will have specific words from the spelling list they must learn.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at **mathletics.com**

We have a new library which the children will use fortnightly. We know that for children to do their best learning, they need to read at home every day. In Year 6, children are expected to read for 30 minutes every day. Your child is then expected to write in their reading log daily. Parents must sign the reading logs each day too. These logs will be checked every Friday.

Parents will be informed if their child is not completing their homework tasks.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Etherington

Times tables:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>