

# Year 6 news

Term 1, Week 1



A snapshot of our week



Bright spark: Jack  
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Welcome back! The children have settled back really well after the long summer break. They did their self-portraits on the first day back and the results were great – see some examples below.

## Maths:

In maths, we have been reading and writing numbers up to 10 million. We have also been re-capping aspects of maths that they did in year 5, for example: how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 & 1000; addition and subtraction and adding and subtracting decimals.

## Reading:

Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to read regularly independently, and also sometimes aloud to you. Reading habitually helps enormously with becoming an accomplished writer. Whilst reading, the children will also encounter new vocabulary, as well as improve comprehension. Reading more challenging books further ensures that the children learn constantly. I often refer to the following quote:

**'Reading is the breathing in. Writing is the breathing out.'**

## Computing:

Our topic for the term is **Computing systems and networks**. The children learnt that data is transferred using agreed methods and that internet devices have addresses. They also learnt how computers use addresses to access websites.

## Homework:

In Year 6, homework is sent home on a Wednesday and is due back on Mondays. This week, the children have been asked to do some research from the 1930s, which links with our history topic: World War II. They have also been set some spellings.

## English:

We started our class book, *Letters from the Lighthouse*, by Emma Carroll. We have read the first chapter and we discussed the meaning of any unfamiliar words and phrases that popped up. There are quite a lot of topic words in the book (such as: Luftwaffe, air raid, blackout, warden, Picture Palace etc) that the children need to know, so we have discussed the meanings and used some in our writing this week. The children answered comprehension questions about the first chapter and they wrote a descriptive piece about an air raid.

## Science:

This term's science topic is **Light**. The children learnt that light travel in straight lines. They also learnt that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. They found out, and were able to explain, that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.

## Swimming:

Swimming lessons begin on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The children need to bring trunks or a swimming costume (no bikinis), goggles and a towel. A hairband for long hair and a brush is also advisable. As we will be walking no matter the weather, please check the weather forecast and ensure your son/daughter has a raincoat if rain is expected.

## Young Voices:

Next week, we will start to learn the songs that we will be singing when we go to the O2 Young Voices concert. All the children who have ever been in the past have said it is one of the most incredible experiences they have ever had! We sincerely hope that every child will attend, as everyone in years 5 and 6 will be learning all the songs and actions and it would be a shame for any child to miss out on this unforgettable event.

## Meeting:

*There will be a PSE meeting (secondary school transfer) in the Year 6 classroom on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm. We hope to see you there.*