

# Home-School Link Letter

Year: 6 Term: Autumn 1



English

This half term Year Six will be studying the fiction text: '**Eye of the Wolf**'. The children will:

- study the text, paying close attention to the author's use of language and specific devices such as flashback
- study character's viewpoints - and how point of view affects our view of events
- consider examples of adding more detail in a variety of ways using noun phrases
- look at the impact of narrative viewpoint: who is telling the story? the impact of this on the listeners and themes within the story
- re-write a scene from the perspective of a different character and complete the unit by retelling a section of the story from the point of view of one of the animals.

We will also be developing our writing skills by completing '**Ros Wilson**' writing lessons. These lessons focus on the children gaining the necessary skills which will allow them to achieve Year 6 expectations in writing.

We will be learning:

- how to produce complex sentences- identifying main and subordinate clauses
- to use punctuation for effect- particularly to create suspense for the reader
- to use a range of varied openers
- how to include relative clauses
- the use of adverbial phrases and linking phrases between paragraphs
- how to write replies to formal letters
- how to continue narratives using common themes and mood

Children will also have weekly 'reading comprehension' sessions which will focus on developing their inferential reading skills.

Children will also complete a weekly 'Big Write' and participate in a weekly 'Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation' session.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be:

- comparing 6 digit numbers
- comparing 1,2 and 3 digit decimal numbers
- multiplying and dividing 10, 100 and 1000
- converting fractions to decimals and vice versa
- learning methods for column addition
- understanding algebra
- finding missing lengths and angles
- understanding how brackets are used in calculations
- learning how to convert measurements
- understanding how to convert 24 and 12 hour clock
- learning methods for column subtraction
- multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digits

The children will also have weekly 'Problem Solving and Reasoning' sessions to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. In addition, children will complete daily 'Mental Maths' activities and 'Mental Arithmetic' and 'Maths Skills' tests.

<p>Topic</p>	<p>Our topic this half-term is '<b>Ancient Egyptians</b>'. This topic will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Egyptian tombs</li> <li>• mythology</li> <li>• daily life in Ancient Egypt</li> <li>• a study of the River Nile</li> </ul> <p>The children will also be participating in an Ancient Egyptian inspiration day on <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> which aims to inspire children through exploring ancient artefacts and completing food tasting. You child will need to dress in Ancient Egyptian dress for this day.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>This half term we will be continuing our Science topic is: '<b>Light</b>'. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognising light travels in straight lines</li> <li>• explaining how we see things</li> <li>• reflection of light</li> <li>• shadow formation</li> </ul> <p>Children will become part of the UK Crime Lab analysing evidence from six suspects, using their scientific knowledge of light to solve the crime.</p>
<p><u>PE</u> Children's PE sessions will be on a Friday with Mr Sellman. The sessions this half term will cover 'gymnastics' and 'invasion games'. Children must have hair tied up and all jewellery off during these lessons.</p>	<p><u>ICT</u> This half term we will be studying '<b>Coding</b>'. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• designing and writing a more complex program</li> <li>• introducing functions</li> <li>• using buttons to showcase work</li> <li>• using 2Code to make a text based adventure</li> </ul>
<p><u>RE</u> During RE this half-term we will be focusing on '<b>Moral Maze</b>'. Through this unit we will be studying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonah's dilemma</li> <li>• actions and beliefs</li> <li>• religious dress</li> <li>• moral choices</li> <li>• solving a dilemma</li> </ul>	<p><u>PHSE</u> During PSHE this half-term we will be focusing on '<b>Right and Wrong</b>'. Through this unit will be thinking about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kindness- the good Samaritan</li> <li>• honesty- finding a purse</li> <li>• injustice- seeing the harm caused by crime</li> <li>• resolving personal problems and giving advice</li> <li>• responding to bullying</li> </ul>
<p><u>Reading Information:</u> In Year 6 we are encouraging your children to continue to be enthusiastic readers. To support this, children will be able to change their books throughout the week. Please ensure an adult at home listens to your child read at least once a week and completes the Reading Record.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Dates</u></p> <p><b>Reading Book changed</b> - Children are responsible for changing their reading books when necessary.  <b>Reading Record checked</b>- Thursday  <b>Spelling test and new spellings</b> - Friday  <b>PE Kit</b> -Friday (Please ensure PE kit is kept in school throughout the week as additional PE may be an option)  <b>Talk for Writing</b>- due in Thursday  <b>Egyptian Inspiration Day</b>- <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What else can you do to help your child?</b></p> <p>You may choose to visit a library, look on the internet or talk to your child about the areas they are learning. Please continue to practice spellings and times tables. Weekly 'Talk for Writing' homework will need to be completed for Thursday's Big Write session.</p> <p><b>New activities are added weekly to Active Learn which will help support your child with areas of the curriculum. Please use this, alongside Education City and Purple Mash. You child will be given their own log ins.</b></p> <p>Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any advice or have any suggestions or concerns.</p>	