

Friday 10th November 2017

## Year 6 letter

Dear Parents,

In maths this week, we have been working on fractions, finding fractions of amounts and adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with different denominators. Some children found this a bit tricky, especially finding common denominators, so we have had plenty of practice. In our English lessons, the children have written a detailed biography of Anne Frank. In PE, the children created dances inspired by 'the haka' and in Science our topic changed to electricity and the children identified electrical symbols used to create circuit diagrams. Tuesday's Forest School session was as popular and successful as always.



### Teacher of the Week

This week's teacher was Emma M. She gave a really interesting and confident talk about logos, then the children took part in a great fun quiz. Finally, the class were challenged to produce a logo for a new company, 'Emma's Cookies!' The results were really impressive.

### Consultation Evenings

It was really good to talk to so many parents on the consultation evenings. Remember though, there's no need to wait until the next one if you have any concerns or queries. Many thanks must go to the Year 6 children who gave up their time to help out. The teachers really did appreciate their support and they ensured that the evenings ran smoothly. A few parents asked for a recommended reading list, so I have attached one to the end of this letter.

### Home Learning

This week I would like the children to complete a reading comprehension, which should be returned to school next Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead



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School Fun!*



## Y6 Reading Suggestions

Here are a few suggestions for good books to read during Year 6. Don't worry – we certainly don't expect you to read all of them! However, the greater the variety of books that you read, the more you will see improvements in your creative writing skills and your abilities in reading comprehension, and, of course, we hope that you will gain a lot of enjoyment from these fantastic stories along the way. We have picked just one or two books as examples from each author, but most of these authors have written more books which are just as good for you to read. If a book title has (s) printed after it, this means that that book is part of a series which you can really get stuck into. We hope that this list will encourage you to try a new genre of books (Never read a historical story? Then here are some to try...) or if you love a particular genre, then it will help you find a new author who writes on a similar theme. Many of these books are available at school, either in the Y6 classroom or in the library. We also recommend a visit to your local public library – the librarians will be happy to help you reserve any books which are not currently in stock. There is no need to spend money on books, unless you wish to. Please note also that although this list focuses on fiction, reading non-fiction is just as valid. Good luck with your Y6 reading!

### **Classics**

The Railway Children	E. Nesbit
Five Children and It	E. Nesbit
The Borrowers	Mary Norton
Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lindgren
Peter Pan	J.M.Barrie
The Wizard of Oz	F. Baum
Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfield
Swallows and Amazons (s)	Arthur Ransome
Mary Poppins (s)	P.L.Travers
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll

### **Animals**

Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
The Hundred and One Dalmatians	Dodie Smith
The Animals of Farthing Wood	Colin Dann
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
Varjak Paw	S.F.Said
Tarka the Otter	Henry Williamson
The Story of Doctor Doolittle	Hugh Lofting
The Great Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross

### **Historical**

The Sword in the Stone	T.H. White
The Wreck of the Zanzibar	Michael Morpurgo

The Star of Kazan

Eva Ibbotson

The Eagle of the Ninth (s)

Rosemary Sutcliff

## **War**

The Silver Sword

Ian Serraillier

When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit

Judith Kerr

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl

Carrie's War

Nina Bawden

The Machine Gunners

Robert Westall

War Horse

Michael Morpurgo

Biggles series

Captain W.E.Johns

## **Fantasy**

Skellig

David Almond

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (s)

Joan Aiken

Artemis Fowl (s)

Eoin Colfer

Wolf Brother (s)

Michelle Paver

Harry Potter (s)

J.K.Rowling

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe (s)

C.S.Lewis

The Hobbit

J.R.Tolkien

Mister Monday (s)

Garth Nix

Lionboy (s)

Zizou Corder

The Fire Within (s)

Chris D'Lacey

## **Adventure**

Underwater Adventure (s)

Willard Price

The Island of Adventure (s)

Enid Blyton

Boy Overboard

Morris Gleitzman

Gold of the Gods (Mission:Survival) (s)

Bear Grylls

Silverfin (Young Bond) (s)

Charlie Higson

Stormbreaker (Alex Rider) (s)

Anthony Horowitz

Kensuke's Kingdom

Michael Morpurgo

Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (s)

Rick Riordan

H.I.V.E (s)

Mark Walden

Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan (s)

John Flanagan

Awful End (s)

Philip Ardagh

Holes

Louis Sachar

## **Families/Friendship**

Vicky Angel

Jacqueline Wilson

The Mum Hunt (s)

Gwyneth Rees

Saffy's Angel (s)

Hilary McKay

The Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate Events) Lemony Snicket

The Secret Garden

Francis Hodgson Burnett

Heidi

Johanna Spyri

## **Detective/Mysteries**

The Thieves of Ostia (Roman Mysteries) (s)

Caroline Lawrence

The Secret of the Old Clock (Nancy Drew) (s)

Carolyn Keene

The Falcon's Malteser (s)

Anthony Horowitz

The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow (s)

Katherine Woodfine