

# Year 6 news

Term 1, Week 1

A snapshot of our week



Stars of the week

## Welcome back!

The summer holiday already seems like a long time ago - especially with the weather turning wetter and colder this week! We hope you all had a restful break. The children have come back ready and eager to learn, which is encouraging. After voting for school councillors, sorting out assembly responsibilities and other jobs, we straight away started having formal lessons! No time like the present! We look forward to an enjoyable, but very busy, year ahead.

## English:

We started to read *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*, by John Boyne - our book for the next few weeks. After reading the first paragraph, we discussed what we had found out so far and also what we thought would happen next. We talked about the characters, the setting and the context. The children thought of some great questions after reading the first chapter. They were very engaged and appeared to enjoy studying the chapter in such depth. Later in the week, the children wrote a diary entry as the main character. First, we recapped the 'ingredients' of a good quality diary entry. In SPAG, the children re-capped common, proper, collective and abstract nouns.

## Maths:

This week, we have been focussing on place value. The children have been learning to identify the value of each digit in numbers up to 10 million. They have also been partitioning numbers, to further reinforce the understanding of each digit. They have also written large numbers using words.

The children also carried out an investigation, where they spotted patterns in the numbers created. Some children tried to write a formulae to show the pattern. The children showed great perseverance!

## Science:

We are learning about light this term. We began by identifying what the children know already and what they would like to find out. The children then read some statements that they had to decide whether they agreed with or not, and why.

## PE:

Change of PE day - the children will, in terms 1 and for some of term 2, have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are very lucky to have been assigned some cricket coaching from *Chance to Shine* for 9 weeks. A trained coach will be delivering these fun and engaging lessons.

## RE:

In RE, we are considering the importance of the Creation story to Christian beliefs. †

## General notes:

- **27<sup>th</sup> September** - Class photos
- Our first class assembly will take place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at 9am
- Our next Forest School is also on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**We are in desperate need of volunteers for Forest School. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Siverland-Bishop or the office know which session you can help with. Many thanks.**