



Year Six News

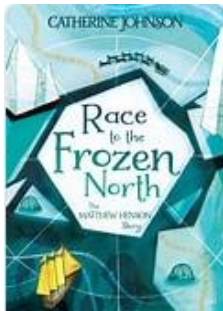
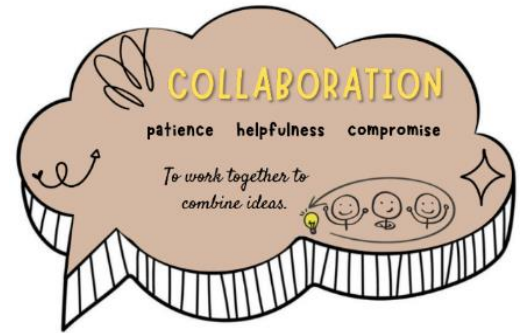
Mayhill Junior School, The Bury, Odiham, RG29 1NB

January 2024

Mayhill Habit

Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life.

This half-term's habit of focus is **COLLABORATION**. The children will work on their collaboration skills in every subject across the curriculum with dedicated teaching of how to work with others and focus on a group goal.



English

This half term will be split into two different English focuses. We will start off by reading 'Race to the Frozen North.' We will be using this book to explore the life and achievements of Matthew Henson. Through this we will be discussing the key difficulties that Henson experienced including adaptations and acceptance and the learning journey will culminate with a biography. Following on from this, we will be creating Arctic animals and writing documentary scripts about them.

Maths

The half term carries on our fraction work, into decimals and percentages. After this, we will move on to look at algebra-something many children look forward to in our year 6 studies! After this, we will move on to look at a range of different measures and geometry. Throughout the term we will be working on our Arithmetic understanding and Rapid Reasoning questions which will help the children to quickly and efficiently answer 'SATS style questions and to build their confidence in working at speed.

PE

Children do PE twice a week. It is really important that they have their kit in school each day of the week, just in case we decide to change the day. Please be aware that your child will be asked to borrow kit from the office if they do not have their own. If your child is unable, due to a medical reason, to take part in PE please ensure that a letter is sent in to their class teacher. As the weather is now a little colder and damper, please ensure your child has warm layers to wear when outside. Tracksuit top and bottoms are ideal (although please avoid 'hoodies' as these can get caught on equipment).

Year 6 have their PE lessons on the following day:

Friday – indoor sports hall athletics **Wednesday** - Outdoor netball

Wider Curriculum

In history this half term, we will be looking at Ancient Civilisations. This includes looking at the Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, Shang Dynasty and Ancient Egypt. The children will learn about these civilizations and the impact they have had on our lives today, having to formally present their work to the rest of the year group.

In science, we will be focusing on expanding our understanding of electricity! The children will also be looking at perspective in art and we look forward to seeing their creations!



Homework

We are continuing to work in our CGP books this term and will again alternate between reading and Grammar for their English homework. The children will bring home their maths book weekly. Please ensure these are marked before sending them in with your child and that they bring them on a Monday morning to allow us time to look over any areas of need before sending back out on a Wednesday. Please ensure that weekly spellings, times tables rock stars and reading 4 times a week is also adhered to.

How you can help your child:

There are some fantastic websites that help children to either revise main concepts or to speed up their maths mental recall. Why not try these for starters:

Venn diagram/statistics <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/83/sort-shapes-venn>

Fractions of amounts wall game [https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/292/Montys Maths Wall](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/292/Montys_Maths_Wall)

Fractions, decimals and percentages

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/120/match_fractions_decimals_and_percentages#.UCdcd2MsCEY

A reminder that the maths and English homework that we send home is directly linked to SATS practice and therefore this is one of the best ways for you to be helping your child before May arrives!

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do come in and see us!

Kind regards,

The Year Six team

Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Argent

Dates for the diary: Dates for the diary:

January 2024

2nd INSET Day
3rd Children return to school
4th Lego Robotics

February 2024

1st/2nd Life Bus
2nd Maths Day
6th Safer Internet Day
8th House Colour Day
9th INSET DAY

12th - 16th HALF TERM