



Year Six News

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

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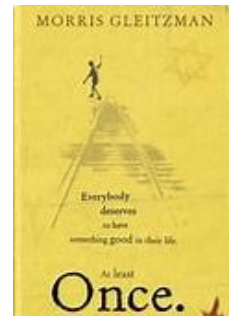


This half term's focus habit is **resilience**, which is going to come in handy with our tricky learning on the build up to our SATs.

For more information about the end of year assessments please come to our information event straight after school on **Wednesday 28th February** in Blackman class.

English

We are starting our learning journey of 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. 'Once' provides an introduction to the Holocaust and its impact on a young Jewish boy called Felix. We follow him on many an adventure; through letter and diary writing. Our learning journey culminates in the writing of the first chapter for the sequel - 'Then'. We are lucky enough to be having a visit from Dr Richardson from The University of Winchester in the first week back who will be giving the children an insight to how the Jewish community were treated during the time of the Holocaust.



As always, please don't give in to the temptation of reading this text at home as we will be predicting the storylines as we move through the learning journey.

Maths

The half term starts with algebra! We will be using our knowledge of letters and numbers to write rules, use and rearrange equations and solve problems. Children use a range of different letters and numbers in this topic. We then carry on to learn about units of measures, perimeter and area. Throughout our learning we answer questions through using 'what we do know' to work out 'what we don't know,' This is a great way of breaking down questions for children and making sure they don't become stuck and adopt an 'I don't know what to do' attitude.

We ask for your support with the continued learning of times tables at home as these are inherent to your child's progress with multiplication, division, fractions, percentages, area, perimeter, pie-charts to name just a few links. Please encourage your child to log in to Times Tables Rock Stars regularly and make sure they are playing on the games throughout the week.

Please also take the opportunity to look at the maths papers that we will be sending home with your child. If you are able to, please take the time to look through these with them and praise them on the correct answers and support them in identifying where they went wrong or where they need some extra work.

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Monday and Friday- Both outdoor

Children do PE twice a week, each lasting 1 hour (including changing time). We have noticed some children are not bringing their PE kit in regularly. School spares are limited in size and therefore it is really important that each child brings their own kit weekly. It is also really important that they have their kit in school each day of the week, just in case we decide to change the day. 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). However, indoor sports hall athletics should be completed in shorts and t-shirts.**



Homework

Year Six CGP homework works in the same way as last term (Maths weekly then either English or Comprehension). It is set on a **Wednesday** and must be completed by the following **Monday**.

The children will have weekly spellings, reading 4 times a week and should be logging in to TTRS regularly. On top of this, they will be expected to complete a piece of maths or SPAG weekly and bring in on a Tuesday. If this homework task is not completed, children will be expected to complete this in their play/lunch time. We are ensuring our year 6 expectations prepare the children for their upcoming experiences at secondary school.

Reading: Research tells us that children should still read **with** an adult on challenging but enjoyable texts every week. Year 6 have been sent home with a reading record book with spaces to sign each time they read at home. It is expected that children have 4 reads a week logged in their reading record. Children who do not read four times a week tend to have greater difficulty with the stamina required when tackling Reading SATs papers.

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

19th-return to school
19-23rd Pentathlon week

March:

4th author visit
7th World Book Day
7th WONKA Bar event- FOMS
11-16th Science week
15th – Red Nose Day
18th – Last week clubs

20th – Voice in million trip (Musical Theatre Club)
25th -Easter Egg hunt
26th-27th Parents' Evening
27th Rock Steady Concert
28th- Last day of term

April:

15th - Summer Term starts