

Year 6 Gorillas Newsletter: February 2023

I hope everybody had an enjoyable half term break. Having reached the halfway point of this academic year, I would like to say a huge well done to all members of the class for an excellent first half of Year 6. I hope the excellent behaviour, work ethic and attitude to learning continues into the second half of this school year.



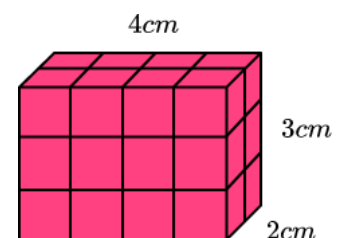
Before half term, we had our specialist week which was based on mental health and wellbeing with a particular focus on connecting with others. Everybody completed some excellent work throughout the week and hopefully gained a better

understanding of the little things that we can do to improve our mental health. My personal highlights of the week were creating our own board games and our self-portraits. We also made some smoothies and had a visitor in school who spoke to us about mental health.

The Curriculum

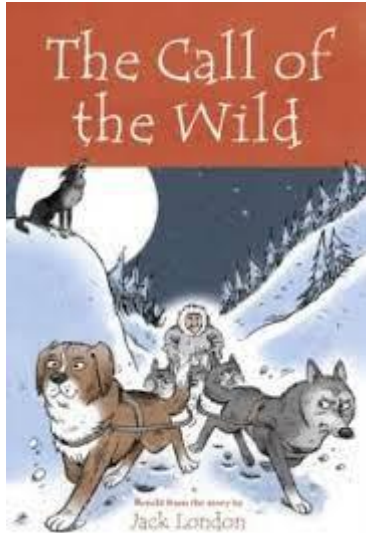
Maths

We will start this half term by beginning our study of volume. Once we have finished learning about volume, we will then move on to angles.



English

In English, we will continue to complete several lessons linked to our new topic as well as focusing on our independent writing targets.



The Call of the Wild

Throughout this half term, mainly in guided reading, we will begin reading a new class text: an adapted version of *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. First published over a hundred years ago, it centres around the adventures of a dog named Buck. The story will give us plenty of stimulus for class discussions.

Frozen Kingdom

Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and the deepest chill. Trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in



snow or be pulled by a team of mighty sled dogs. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind!

We will be continuing with our study of the planet's coldest lands: the Arctic and Antarctica. Throughout this half term, pupils will have the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of these two polar regions.

As ever, we will also have weekly Science, Art and Computing lessons.

Taking responsibility

There are a number of things that Year 6 pupils can do to ensure they are taking responsibility, which in turn will help prepare them better for secondary school. Firstly, ensuring that book bags come into school every day with the correct books (home school record books and spelling record books). They can also make sure that they have the correct uniform for each day, bring their water bottle and hand in their homework on time.

PE kit should be worn to school on Mondays but a change of school uniform should be brought to school to change into after our PE lesson.

On Thursdays and Fridays, pupils should bring their PE kit to school in their PE bags.

Homework diaries

Please ensure diaries (home school records) are signed each week, as not only is this good preparation for secondary school, but it also allows any communication between home and school to be picked up quickly and easily. Please encourage your child to hand their homework diary to a teacher if there is a message that needs to be read urgently.

Homework

As ever, homework will be given out on a Thursday and is to be returned to school by the following Tuesday at the latest. Pupils should take responsibility for ensuring they complete as much of their homework as possible independently and handing it in on time.

Furthermore, spellings will be set on a Monday ready for a spelling test the following Monday. Pupils should be learning these spellings at home in addition to the homework that has been set.

If you are in any doubt about the homework set, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team before it is due in.

Kind regards,

Mr. Cunningham and the Year 6 team