

Year 6 Gorillas Newsletter: February 2024

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.



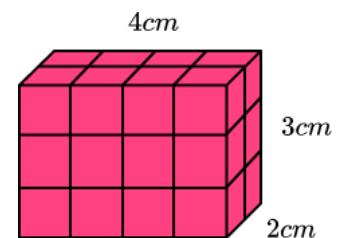
Before half term, we had our specialist week which was based on diversity. Everybody completed some excellent work throughout the week and hopefully gained a better understanding of the importance of diversity. My personal highlights of the week were learning to sign a

song using British sign language, learning some phrases from another language from pupils in the class that speak a second language and writing a poem. We also made some food from another country and completed a colour run.

The Curriculum

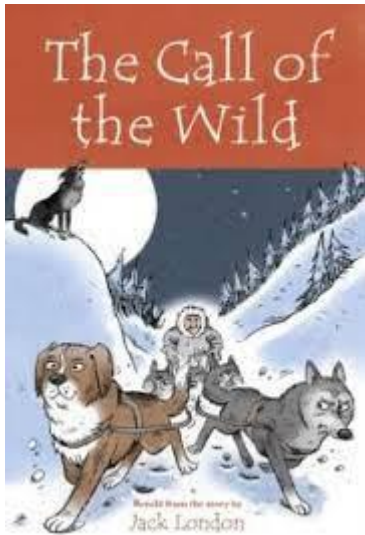
Maths

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.

Cereal

Year 6's cereal day is Tuesday. Pupils can go to the hall during early work to eat a bowl of cereal if they want to. On all other days, bagels are available to eat in the classroom during early work.



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 Monday.

PE kit should be brought to school in a PE bag on Thursday.

PE kit should be worn to school on Friday (ready for Reward Time PE).

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 Tuesday ready for a spelling test the following Tuesday. 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