



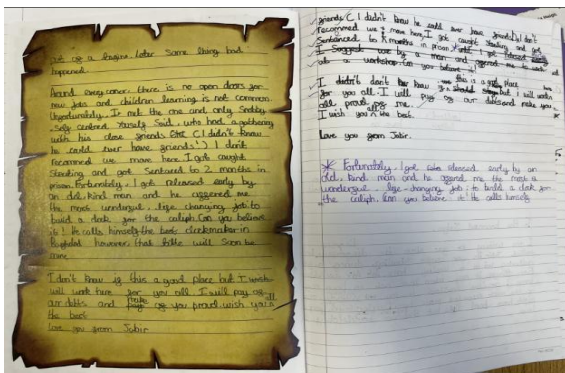
Year 6's News



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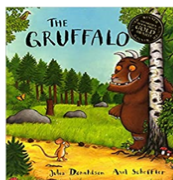
Year 6's Amazing Work

Last term was filled with exciting learning opportunities, including a fantastic Drone Coding Workshop where Year 6 created algorithms to make drones take flight and explored careers in coding. In English, we blended fact and opinion in persuasive letters written from different perspectives, inspired by *The Golden Horseman of Baghdad*. We also took part in an online blog debate, using engaging and thoughtful writing to inform, influence and challenge each other's opinions.



Year 6 Holybrook Curriculum

Areas of Learning



Picture Books

Our place in the world: We will discuss what the lessons that picture books teach us.

Fresh Experiences: We will use printing techniques to create picture books.

Equality and Diversity: We will explore different illustrators from different backgrounds.

Possibilities: We will learn about the careers within the publishing industry.



As artists, we will imitate ideas from illustrators by collecting and re-creating their ideas in our sketch book. We will develop our own personal style, drawing upon ideas from others.

As artists and designers, we will take inspiration from the greats and understand how their work was influential both to society and other artists.



As painters, we will use a range of techniques to create interesting pieces including realism, abstract and Impressionistic art.

We will master the techniques of printing by building up layers of colour. We will create accurate patterns that show fine details and use a range of visual elements.

What are we learning about this term?

In Maths, we will continue to consolidate our understanding of the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages, before converting units of measurement. In English, we will explore Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow: An English Legend, focusing on figurative language and the use of dialogue to portray character, alongside our class novel: Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo. In our curriculum lessons, our picture books unit will see us take inspiration from established illustrators, movements and styles to paint and print our own books. In Science, we will build on prior learning about living things by studying evolution and adaptation, exploring genetic mutation and fossils, and designing our own hybrid animal with features suited to its habitat.

Should Jabir be punished?

Create a blog to create and justify your opinion on whether Jabir should or should not be punished within Chapter 3 of *The Golden Horseman of Baghdad*. Remember: The purpose of a blog is to influence people!

Should Jabir be punished?

I disagree that Jabir should be punished since, the situation that he was in was a life or death circumstance. In addition, their religion states that they should give to those less fortunate than themselves. Too add Jabir is a young boy that shall not be sent to prison because at the end of the day in the text it says, "at last he found a gate that flew open." I think sending a child to prison for having a little bit of food to avoid starvation is overly dramatic.

Upcoming Dates/Events

Conflict/Online Safety/Buckden Museum – 25/3/26 @ 2pm

KS2 SATs – WC 11/5/26

Reading at Holybrook

All children can take home any book and may swap it at any point. We expect reading journals, home reading books and library books to be in school every day, with parents/carers signing the reading journal regularly after hearing their child read. Library books may also be exchanged on a Wednesday.

Recently, children entered a Young Writers competition inspired by the Winter Olympics. Selected winners will have their work published in a Winter Wonderland book – a fantastic achievement and something we are very proud of!

Maths at Holybrook

In Maths, we are starting work on converting units of measurement. At home, encourage your child to spot different units of length (mm, cm, m), mass (g, kg) and volume (ml, l) on food packaging, recipes and household items. Talking about why certain units are used will help build their understanding and confidence.

Homework

This half-term, children will be set weekly Maths and English refresher homework to help consolidate and revisit their previous learning.

PE lessons are on Thursday and Friday, focusing on golf and hockey; all pupils must have PE kits in school.

The Year 6 team is: Mr Waterhouse, Mr Wallis & Miss Pitts.

Year 6's Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for every child's success. Being in school every day helps pupils build strong learning habits, keep up with the curriculum, and develop social and emotional skills. Missing lessons can make it harder to catch up and can affect progress over time. By working together to ensure good attendance, we give every child the best chance to achieve their potential. School starts at 8.45am.

Current Whole-School Attendance:

Year 6 Attendance: 95.3%

Target Attendance: 96%

National Average to date: 94.6%

Every school day counts

100% Attendance	Superb!
97% Attendance	Good
95% Attendance	Slight concern
90% Attendance	Very concerned
85% Attendance	Local authority intervention

Lateness=Lost Learning		
5 minutes late each day	=	3 days of learning lost
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days of learning lost
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days of learning lost
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days of learning lost
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days of learning lost
Our school day, and lessons, start at 8.45am		

