



Homework Newsletter – 4/5/2020

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A messages from the Year 6 staff

Mr Spearman: This Friday marks the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), something we studied towards the end of the autumn term. On that day, people were feeling glad and relieved that the war was finally over in Europe, some were feeling confused and unsure with what the future would look like and unfortunately, a number of people were reflecting on the loss of loved ones during the awful conflict. Some of the feelings demonstrated around that time are similar to what we are currently going through. One day, we will feel relieved and glad that normality has resumed but until then, we can use the bravery and resilience demonstrated 75 years ago to guide us and give us hope. Enjoy this week's activities, keep safe and if you are able to, join in with the VE Day anniversary celebrations at home with loved ones.

Mrs Plowright: This week I have continued to cycle or walk most days - dodging the rain most of the time. This week's baking involved chocolate brownies, which were delicious (especially because they had half a cream egg sat in the top). I also received a letter and picture through the post from my niece in Wales on Monday, which was a lovely surprise and really cheered me up - I had forgotten how nice it was to get a personal letter dropping on the doormat as we don't really send them anymore. I am writing one back to her now and sending her a little parcel as well. Maybe you could send a letter or postcard to say 'Hi' to someone you can't see at the moment - I'm sure they would love it.

Mrs Rae: Rain, rain, go away...Hope you are all cosying up during this weather - it certainly calls for some pyjama days! Because of all this rain, it has made me pick up my book more. I've just finished a great book called 'Fly By Night' by Frances Hardinge. Here is a little synopsis for you:

As the realm struggles to maintain an uneasy peace after years of civil war and tyranny, a twelve-year-old orphan called Mosca Mye and her loyal companion, a cantankerous goose, are about to become the unlikely heroes of a radical revolution. Mosca is on the run, heading for the city of Mandelion. There she finds herself living by her wits among cut-throat highwaymen, spies and smugglers. With peril at every turn, Mosca uncovers a dark plot to terrorize the people of Mandelion, and soon merry mayhem leads to murder.

Have fun and keep safe year 6. Mrs Rae x

Ms Roberts: Hello Maple Class! How are you all? As we've not been able to get out into the garden as much this week, I've spent a little more time in the kitchen and gave Mrs Rae's biscuit recipe a go. Delicious! I've also been listening to a books on Audible – it's not something I've tried before and I really enjoyed it. I'm a bit of a fidget so at first I found it hard to listen so I decided to do some mindful colouring whilst I listened and found I could focus much better. I don't have a colouring book so I used my felt tips on kitchen roll instead – who knew kitchen roll could look so good! Give it a go – it's actually quite good fun. If you'd like to share any of things you've been doing at home, remember to email it through on parent mail (email at the top of the page). I really miss you all and hope you're keeping safe and well.



Ms Roberts x

Summer term 1: Charles Darwin

This term, the children in Year 6 will be learning about the discoveries of Charles Darwin. During this topic, children will learn all about the man, we will follow his voyage upon the HMS Beagle and study the Galapagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Darwin develop his theory of evolution by natural selection. The learning grid below contains some activities which will help children to become experts on Charles Darwin.

CHARLES DARWIN (Week 2) LEARNING GRID

Choose activities from the grid below. Can you challenge yourself?

EVERYDAY: Reading for 15 minutes, learning/practising your weekly spellings

MONDAY 4 th May	TUESDAY 5 th May	WEDNESDAY 6 th May	THURSDAY 7 th May	FRIDAY 8 st May
<p>Maths: Year 6 – Week 3 – Day 1. Complete the Flashback 4 questions. What time does the clock display in the top right corner? Write it in am/pm and 24 hours. Challenge: Can you work out how tall you are in cm, metres and mm?</p>	<p>Maths: Year 6 – Week 3 – Day 2. Complete the Flashback 4 questions. What time does the clock display in the top right corner? Write it in am/pm and 24 hours.</p>	<p>Maths: Year 6 – Week 3 – Day 3. Complete the Flashback 4 questions. What time does the clock display in the top right corner? Write it in am/pm and 24 hours.</p>	<p>Maths: Year 6 – Week 3 – Day 4. Complete the Flashback 4 questions. What time does the clock display in the top right corner? Write it in am/pm and 24 hours.</p>	<p>Maths: Year 6 – Week 3 – Day 5. Complete the Flashback 4 questions. What time does the clock display in the top right corner? Write it in am/pm and 24 hours. Challenge: The length of HMS Beagle was 90.3 ft. What is that in metres?</p>
<p>English reading: Find out as much as you can about the HMS Beagle and what would life have been like for the sailors on-board?</p>	<p>English writing: Imagine you are a sailor on HMS Beagle; use what you have learned to write a diary entry for one day in your life. Remember to write in chronological order, use time adverbials and include some personal thoughts and feelings about your day. Challenge: Use dashes and commas to show parenthesis.</p>	<p>English/Art: Create a sketch of HMS Beagle and label some of the key features. Or you could make a junk model of the ship and write a set of instructions on what materials you used and how you put it together. There's a basic drawing below to help you get started.</p>	<p>English reading: Next week you will be writing your own newspaper article. To help you prepare, read some articles this week and make notes on some of the key features. Have a look at BBC Newsround or follow the link in the section below to a website that has lots of interesting articles.</p>	<p>English SPaG: Can you punctuate these sentences correctly?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Margarets toy cars were her pride and joy I was in a play last year my part was to play a secret agent What How did that happen
<p>Geography: Identify the places that Darwin and 'The Beagle' visited on a map of the world. Challenge: Can you create your own map of the route that HMS Beagle took?</p>	<p>Science: Research Mary Anning. Why is she famous? What about her family life? What did she discover? What challenges did she encounter? Challenge: I would like to be a palaeontologist. Do you agree/disagree and explain why?</p>	<p>Music: What songs were popular at the time of VE Day? Can you create a playlist of songs to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day? You could teach the songs we learnt in school to some of your family.</p>	<p>P.H.S.E. 8/5/2020 marks 75 years since Nazi Germany's formal surrender at the end of the Second World War. Millions took to the streets to celebrate peace after years of devastating war. Consider why people were celebrating and why it's important that we remember it today.</p>	<p>P.E. Hopscotch was a popular game for children during WWII. Can you design your own hopscotch? We learnt the Waltz in PE this year and we danced at our own VE day celebration in school. Your challenge is to teach your family how to waltz!</p>

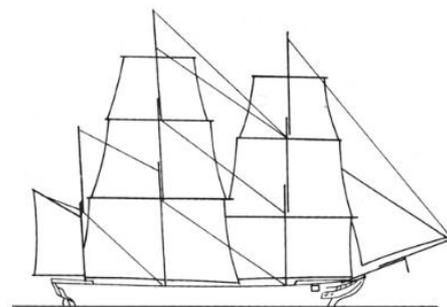
Support to complete tasks in the Learning Grid:

English - <https://www.kxtickets.com/news-blog/10-fun-facts-about-hms-beagle>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/empire_seapower/life_at_sea_01.shtml

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Charles-Darwin/The-Beagle-voyage>

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/explore/hms-beagle>



English Newspaper - <https://www.dogonews.com/> - It is American so look out for the American spellings! How many can you spot? Discuss with someone at home about some of your favourite articles.

Geography - <https://maggiesscienceconnection.weebly.com/charles-darwin--the-voyage-of-the-beagle.html>

<https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/darwin>

<https://www.discoveringgalapagos.org.uk/discover/human-history/charles-darwin/voyage-beagle/>

<https://esripm.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=dee8797954fe4526953075225c26646c#map>

Science - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd8fv9q/articles/zf6vb82>

PE - <https://www.wikihow.com/Play-Hopscotch>

VE Day - For those interested in learning a little more about the 75th anniversary of VE Day:

<https://www.mrtdoeshistory.com/75th-anniversary-ve-day>

<https://ve-veday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party/>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance>

Maths -

Flashback 4 Year 6 | Week 3 | Day 1

- Dexter is 5 feet 3 inches tall. How tall is Dexter in inches?
- How many km is the same as 12,600 m?
- If $n = 17$, work out the value of $3n - 1$
- What is the second cube number?



Flashback 4 Year 6 | Week 3 | Day 2

- If a rectangle has area 16 cm^2 , what could the side lengths of the rectangle be?
- How many cm are there in 3.7 m?
- Solve the equation $47 = y - 5$
- Work out $\frac{7}{8}$ of 64



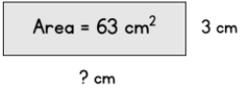
Flashback 4 Year 6 | Week 3 | Day 3

- Find the area of the rectangle.

- How many kilograms is the same as 7,800 g?
- Write $\frac{11}{25}$ as a percentage.
- Divide 16 by 1,000



Flashback 4 Year 6 | Week 3 | Day 4

- Work out the length of the missing side.

- How many millimetres are there in half a metre?
- If $x = 7$, work out the value of $20 - 2x$
- What is the 6 worth in the number 4.216?



- 1) Find the perimeter of the rectangle.



- 2) Roughly how many cm is the same as one inch?
- 3) Solve the equation $3a + 8 = 29$
- 4) Work out 37×28

Reading

Challenge yourself by reading for at least 15 minutes every day.

There are some great stories you can listen to for free on Audible. Ms Roberts has been listening to 'Evie in the Jungle' by Matt Haig. You can find more information here: <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>.

Use Read Theory (<https://readtheory.org/>) to continue to develop your comprehension skills.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Remember to proofread your writing from the day. Use a dictionary to check the spelling of any words that you found challenging. Also check that the meaning of the word is suitable for the sentence, if not, refer to a thesaurus.

Continue to practise the Year 5/6 Common Exception Words. Choose 5 words from the list below and write a synonym, antonym, the meaning and an example of how to use the word in a sentence.

1. temperature
2. thorough
3. twelfth
4. variety

5. vegetable
6. vehicle
7. yacht

Sign in to www.spag.com and complete the questions on terminology, colons and semi-colons and KS2 SATs Grammar test (C).

Maths

Keep logging onto IXL: <https://uk.ixl.com/signin/rothwell> and attempting different maths skills.

Use TT Rockstars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/8012>) to help improve your multiplication knowledge.

Continue to play on Hit the Button (online game) - focusing on times tables, division facts and squared numbers.

You could attempt any questions which are unanswered in your 'Collins Year 6 Maths SATs targeted Practice Workbook.'

Other online links:

There are additional Year 6 online lessons you can access through the BBC Bitesize website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zncsscw/year-6-lessons/1>

Catch up with the daily news presented in a child friendly way by watching newsround here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time
Mr Spearman and the Year 6 staff