



# Year Six Weekly Communication Flyer

Mr Hetherington, Mrs Nyakasikana, Miss Wiernicki-Rayat.



**WEEK ENDING: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## What we have been doing:

This week in English, we focused on a debate about the value of homework. Pupils first researched the topic, in order to present a balanced discussion text, which followed the debate. Pupils also learnt the protocols of debating within a group. Currently, pupils are working towards completing their text. It has proved an interesting topic.

In maths, we revisited key facts about angles. They then measured and drew angles, before they found missing angles from known facts.

In our fluency sessions after break each day, we have focused on fractions and percentages. Teachers have ensured that all pupils know their 4X table. Next week, the focus will be on the 6X table. Pupils should already know these by heart!

In science, we have been focusing on light, how it travels and how we see things. Pupils were fascinated to see how their own 'pupils' reacted to light. Each class investigated how light travels and were able to prove that light travels in straight lines.

## This week's homework is:

Maths: Complete Arithmetic paper. There are 18 questions. It should take the children about 15 minutes as speed is of the essence! In the actual SATs test children will be expected to complete approximately 36 questions in 30 minutes so less than a minute a question!! This is something we will regularly be doing to build up speed and reinforce methods and approaches we have covered during Maths fluency sessions.

Please help your child by testing their times table knowledge. This week the 6 x tables. This is vital if children are going to make age expected in Maths by the end of the year. Also a lot of children are not finishing all their questions because they are taking too long or still don't know ALL of their tables.

English: 10 minute comprehension challenge. This should only take the children 10 minutes to complete. If they required extra time, then change pen colour so we can see which were completed after the time.

## Important Messages:

- We are trying to ensure that all homework is marked with the children so they can see where they went wrong and be assisted by adults in year 6. They should have a folder which they can keep it in and this can then be sent home and adults can see how your child did each week. Can we remind all parents that homework is set on a Friday and returned by Tuesday.
- We are also finding that many children are not completing their homework or they are leaving it at home. This is frustrating as we are making time to review the homework, explaining errors and then supporting their understanding further. Please can you ensure your child completes their homework. If your child is having difficulties completing homework, then please speak to an adult in year 6.
- Mrs Nyakasikana (Diamond class teacher) will be absent due to an agreed prior arrangement and will return to work on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## Topic:

This Terms topic is – 'Who Dares win'. It is linked to work around World War II

