

## This week

This week in Year 6 has been full of excitement and suspense! School council presentations and voting was a highlight and I was particularly impressed with the way the children celebrated each and every school council nominee.

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Ella** for showing a great growth mindset with her maths learning, persevering on a tricky challenge in class then taking it home and persevering further until she found the solution.

Our fine diner this week is **Storm**, nominated by her peers, for always showing beautiful table manners and for going around the tables helping the younger children to cut their food up.

## Maths and English

This week in maths the children have been exploring addition and subtraction, both mental strategies for adding and subtracting 10s, 100s, 1,000s, 10,000s and 100,000s and formal written strategies. Many children wrote their own two step word problems as well as solving some tricky algebra style problems.

Next week in maths we will be looking at further at choosing the most efficient calculation methods for addition and subtraction as well as solving some missing digits problems.

In English we have continued our *Cogheart* story writing topic, focusing on effective story openings and the use of direct speech to move the action on in the build up and dilemma stages of the story. I was truly engaged by many of the children's gripping openings.

Next week we will focus on how writers create effective story endings as well as editing and improving skills.

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## Home Learning

We were very impressed with the effort many of the children had made to solve the maths problems this week, spotting patterns and even working out an algebra equation.

The reading response activities run over two weeks so please continue to look at how authors create an effective story opening in the stories you are reading at home or why not go to the library and just open a few books and read the first page.

In addition, there is a spelling list (the 'a' words from the Year 6 statutory spelling list) and the children will be tested in a dictation on Friday.

## Next Week

Next week a letter will be coming home about our exciting trip to the Foundling Museum on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9 am– 4pm.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the start of  
Autumn!

Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne.

## Reading books

Please continue to read with your children at home as much as possible and discuss what they are reading, hopefully a mix of fiction, non fiction and newspapers. Please help your child to remember that they must bring their reading book to school every day as we often use these books for independent reading activities in class.

## PE

PE lessons for Shakespeare class are timetabled for an hour on a Monday morning and a Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to all the children who remembered the correct kits this week - please ensure your child's PE kit is in school at all times.

## Topic

This week we researched all the different jobs that a Victorian child may have had and then wrote a diary entry for one of them. We started practising folding skills for our Victorian book art project (thank you to everyone who brought in books to use and shared them with others).

## Science

Our Light topic will take the form of a 6 session Crime Investigation, using many skills linked to light. We discussed today as a class and agreed that we'd rather carry this out over a day or two so this will be timetabled for the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> and will involve dressing up!

## Coffee Morning

Please can you buy/bake cakes or biscuits for next Friday's Macmillan coffee morning 9.30-10.30am.