

## This week

It has been a fantastic first week in the first ever Year 6 at Harpenden Academy. All our learning has been linked to having a growth mindset and the children have impressed us all with their positive attitudes, especially working in teams to create and present their ideas for our class growth and fixed mindset mascots – such unique and thoughtful ideas.

Our Proud Cloud this week is Roxanne for changing her mindset significantly through positive thinking.

Our fine diner this week is Sienna for always being so polite during lunchtimes and an excellent role model.

## Maths and English

This week in maths the children have had a lots of fun taking part in the Week of Inspirational Maths project, working in pairs and groups to solve problems and link areas of maths together. We have been amazed by their can do attitudes to tackling tricky problems.

Next week in maths we will be exploring place value in numbers to the millions and beyond!

In English we have started our story writing topic, using the book Cogheart by Peter Bunzl (set in the Victorian era) to inspire us. We have explored the characters through empathy questioning and have been detectives, working out how the characters are feeling from the language features the author uses.

Next week we will focus on how the author creates setting and mood in Cogheart.

# Shakespeare Class

## Newsletter

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

### Home Learning

Home learning will go out each half term with a list of activities which is to be completed in the order specified; we expect one piece to be completed each week. Home learning books will be sent home on a Friday and are to be handed in the following Wednesday. Along with the home learning books there will be a reading response and spelling activity most weeks. These activities will form part of our preparation for SATs.

### Next Week

On Tuesday it is Roald Dahl day, and we will be linking our learning to this wonderful author, comparing his story writing to that of Cogheart's Peter Bunzl.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the  
sunshine!

**Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs  
Goulbourne**

## Reading books

All children will have been read with 1:1 by next Friday and will have been given a book, either a reading scheme book or one from our class library if they are a free reader. The children will have a reading response book to record their reading activities in and these will be sent home every week or two. Please continue to listen to your child read and discuss their reading them as much as possible. Please help your child to remember that they must bring their reading book to school every day. They will be responsible for changing it. Most children will be read with as part of daily guided reading sessions but some children will be read with individually.

## PE

PE lessons for Shakespeare class are timetabled for an hour on a Monday morning and on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The children will leave these in school until half term when they will go home to be washed. The children will get changed in the classroom before and after PE lessons.

## Topic and Science

Our Topic this term is The Victorians and our Science topic is Light and Shadows. If you have any books at home related to these please do bring them in (named) to help with our learning.