

All children thrive in a culture where potential is limitless

YEAR 6



Loose

Primary School

newsletter

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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

Halfway through the term already! It seems to be flying by.

We've been continuing our suspense writing in literacy, and it's been thoroughly enjoyable. We have looked at features such as weather, speech and show, don't tell alongside grammatical features such as short, snappy sentences and dashes to help create vivid and suspenseful pieces of writing. We have just started to write our retelling of the story 'Reflection' where we are looking at story structure before delving in ourselves.

Maths has been continuing to focus on ratio. We have looked at scaling, scale factor and ratio problems. These have involved lots of practical work as well abstract, and all teachers have expressed their pride in how well everyone has grasped the concept. We now begin to look at decimals in the latter half of the term.

Reading continues with 'The Skylarks' War' by Hilary McKay. Now we have generated character analysis of several of the main characters, it's hard not to get fully invested in their journeys at the outbreak of WW1. Inference and retrieval continue to be the focus of these lessons.

History has been looking at 20th Century conflict, and we have begun by looking at the causes of WW1 (there were many), and then how warfare changed with the invention of the machine gun, sniper rifle, artillery and more. The description of the trenches was particularly horrible, and helped give context to what was starting to happen in our reading too.

We have had some more questions regarding homework this term so we thought it best to clarify a couple of details. Magma practice is set each Friday by the class teachers, and should take only 10-15minutes. It is procedurally generated, so you are able to try again should you wish to have a go at more questions. Reading should be every night for 20minutes and this can include ReadingPlus and spellings are all set for the term on SpellingShed. We are also sending home their weekly arithmetic papers each Friday so they have the opportunity to go through their papers, celebrate their successes and look at any mistakes.

Coming Up:

6th February: NSPCC Number Day

KS2 PTA School Disco

9th February: Children's Mental Health Week

REMINDERS

- Bring home learning books to school **every** day for communication.
- Children should be reading for 20 minutes daily, and on TTRS and SpellingShed regularly throughout the week. Magma Practice will be set by the teacher each Friday.
- Please ensure PE kits are in school everyday so we can be flexible around the rain.