

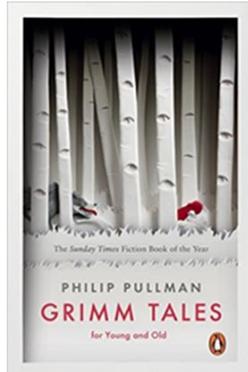
Year 6 Newsletter Term 4 Spring 2017

Welcome back! This term, our topic will be ‘The Grimm Tales’ and we have lots of fun and exciting learning planned! Maths and English continue to be a high focus, as we prepare for the SATs tests in May.



English

In our English lessons we will be basing our writing on the text ‘The Grimm Tales’ by Philip Pullman. Through this text, children will focus on narrative writing, newspaper reports, persuasive letters and retelling stories from different points of view.



We will be continuing to study a range of grammar and punctuation as well as working through SATs style reading comprehension papers, in preparation for the SATs in May.

Science

Science Week will be in the week beginning the 12th March. The children will take part in different workshops and there will be a home learning challenge.

At the end of March, we will be visited by a rainforest ecologist, currently working in the Brazilian rainforest, who will help to consolidate the children’s understanding of adaptation and evolution.

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on a range of different objectives. We will mainly be looking at Number, Measurement and Geometry. We will also be focusing on applying this knowledge when solving problems. Mental arithmetic will be taught alongside this on a weekly basis. It would be of great benefit if you could practise the times tables with your child regularly.

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Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

To help prepare the children for their SATs tests, there will be an extra focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation in the afternoons this term. We will also be ensuring the children are using and applying these ideas in their own writing. Please support your children by helping them to practise the different spellings at home.



P.E.

PE will be taught on a Friday afternoon for Mauve Class and Purple Class. This term the focus will be on Athletics and Dance. Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform (white t-shirt, black/blue shorts and trainers).

SRE

This term in SRE, we will be teaching the following objective:

- To understand male and female puberty changes in more detail.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this please see you child's teacher.

Trips, Visitors and Workshops

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our visitors were CREW (and their prehistory mysteries) and the Museum of London (who brought in artefacts and replicas).

For Term 2, we were visited by the Science Dome, to inspire our children's learning about Light, and by the Magic Lantern group to enhance our learning about Mexico.

In Term 3, we visited the Chocolate Museum in Brixton to learn about the invention of chocolate by the Mayans. Yum!

In Term 4, we will be having a talk from a rainforest ecologist who currently works in the rainforests of Brazil, about adaptation and evolution.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure these visits can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

Home learning

Every Friday, children will be given a piece of Maths and a piece of English work to be completed by the following Wednesday. Alongside this, there will also be a project based around our topic, 'The Grimm Tales, which children can complete at home. Children will also continue to be given a levelled home reading book each week. Children are also invited to choose books from our class library as and when they need changing.

Important Dates

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| World Book Day: | Thursday 1st March 2018 |
| Science week: | Week beginning 12 th March 2018 |
| SATs meeting for parents: | Thursday 22 nd March 3.30 |
| Sharing assembly: | Tuesday 27th March 2018 |
| SATs tests: | Week beginning Monday 14th May 2018 |

Thank you for all your support!

Miss Grimwood (Mauve Class), Miss Gordon (Purple Class)

