Year 6 Newsletter

DATE: Friday 20th November

What an incredible week we have had, especially with Anti-Bullying Week and our fantastic trip to Crucial Crew! We learnt so many valuable life skills that will help us stay safe, happy and healthy. A huge thank you to the parents who kindly volunteered to help us on the trip. We really appreciate your support!







Upcoming Events

Thursday 26th 9am – Parent/Carer English Workshops

After School Activities

Tuesday 24th – Homework Club

English

This week, we started our new topic on persuasive speeches. We explored effective writing structures and discussed two very interesting debates: Should school uniform be banned? Should homework be banned? We certainly had some strong opinions! What do you think?

Spelling

We look forward to reading your sentences for this weeks spelling words - remember they are due on a **WEDNESDAY**:
Strategy 1: Focus on spelling the whole word accurately from memory.
Strategy 2: Focus on checking each syllable when spelling longer words.
Strategy 3: Focus on identifying and practising the part of the word you find hardest.

Maths

- We completed our topic on adding and subtracting fractions, even tackling the challenge of adding mixed numbers! We were absolutely amazing and showed just how much our confidence and understanding have grown.

Science

We explored healthy habits and discussed the importance of a balanced diet. We created our own healthy food diaries and reminded ourselves that everything is fine in moderation!

Other Subjects

Anti-Bullying Week: We took part in lots of meaningful activities and discussions throughout Anti-Bullying Week. We particularly focused on the difference between being an *upstander* and a *bystander*, and how we can all play a part in standing up against bullying.

Thank you for your support
Miss McIllree and Miss Maskill

Maths Homework

LO: To add fractions with different denominators.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1. $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} =$	1. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} =$	1. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{6} =$
2. $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} =$	2. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} =$	2. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{7}{12} =$
3. $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7} =$	3. $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{10} =$	3. $\frac{7}{9} + \frac{5}{12} =$
4. $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{4}{8} =$	4. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8} =$	4. $\frac{7}{10} + \frac{9}{15} =$
5. $\frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{9} =$	5. $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{12} =$	5. $1\frac{2}{3} + 2\frac{3}{4} =$
6. $\frac{5}{10} + \frac{3}{10} =$	6. $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{7}{10} =$	6. $3\frac{5}{8} + 1\frac{7}{12} =$
7. $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{6} =$	7. $\frac{5}{6} + \frac{3}{4} =$	7. $2\frac{4}{9} + 3\frac{5}{6} =$
8. $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{5}{7} =$	8. $1\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{4} =$	8. $4\frac{7}{10} + 2\frac{4}{5} =$
9. $\frac{7}{9} + \frac{5}{9} =$	9. $2\frac{2}{3} + 1\frac{1}{6} =$	9. $3\frac{7}{12} + 2\frac{8}{9} =$
10. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{7}{8} =$	10. $3\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{5}{8} =$	10. $5\frac{5}{6} + 3\frac{7}{12} =$

In your books write a sentence for each of the spelling words. You can practice your spellings using the following strategies

1. category
2. cemetery
3. committee
4. communicate
5. community
6. competition
7. conscience
8. conscious
9. controversy
10. convenience
11. correspond
12. criticise
13. curiosity
14. definite
15. desperate

Year 6 Spelling Practice

Different ways to learn. Brighter ways to remember!

PRACTISE CHOOSE IMPROVE SUCCEED!

1. Look, Cover, Write, Check

1. Look carefully at the word.
2. Cover it up.
3. Write it from memory.
4. Check it and correct it.

LOOK → COVER → WRITE → CHECK

2. Chunk it

Break the word into smaller parts (chunks) that are easier to remember.

Example:
unbelievable
un | be | liev | able

3. Count the syllables

Say the word slowly and clap or count each syllable.

Example: remarkable
re – mark – a – ble
(4 syllables)

4. Visualise it

Close your eyes and picture the word written correctly in your mind.

important

5. Spot the tricky part

Underline or highlight the part of the word you find tricky.

Example: curiosity

6. Say it how it is spelt

Pronounce the word in a memorable way to help you remember tricky letters.

Example: knot
"k – not"

7. Make a rhyme or mnemonic

Invent a rhyme, phrase or silly sentence to help you remember the spelling.

Example: because
"Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants"

8. Find the word family

Think of other words with the same root or spelling pattern.

Example:
sign → signal → signature → significant

Words are often easier to remember when you see the pattern!

9. Write it in a sentence

Write a sentence that shows you understand the meaning of the word.

Example:
The environment must be protected for future generations.

10. Test yourself

After practising, write the word again from memory. Can you get it correct?

Try it again tomorrow!

Use at least 3 different strategies for each spelling every week!

Practice makes progress!

BELIEVE • PRACTISE • BE PROUD • YOU CAN DO IT!