

# Spring 1 in Year 6... Welcome Back!!



## English:

**Writing-** We will begin the half term by finishing our World War II diary based on the book, My Secret War Diary. The children will then be creating suspense stories based on Alvaro F. Villa's book, Flood. Children will learn how to use descriptive techniques in order to create an image in the reader's mind, as well as learning to effectively use dialogue and a range of punctuation. Spellings will be taught primarily through the Read Write Inc spelling scheme.

**Reading-** After being enthralled by Holes last half term, we will be moving on to another fantastic book: The Girl of Ink and Stars. This adventure story focuses on the themes of myth, magic and the power of friendship.

**The best way to improve reading is to read at home daily! Please ensure children bring their reading and homeschool books into class every day. It would be extremely beneficial for you to discuss your child's reading with them at home.**



## Our virtual Classroom links:



**Maths:** We will be continuing our knowledge of fractions and decimals, specifically learning how to multiply and divide them. We will also be learning how to find percentages of amounts before looking at a range of multi-step problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Children, as ever, should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12.

**RE:** - We will be considering whether scientific theories of the beginning of the universe conflict with, or are complementary to, the idea of Creation.

## Geography:

This half term, we will answer the question, 'why are mountains so important?' which will include learning about the highest points in the UK, some of the famous mountains in the world and the people who have climbed them.

**History:** Children will begin to learn about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. They will start by looking at the current countries of Central America, specifically the Maya Region, their climate and traditions.

## French:

We will learn how to describe the different rooms in a house and who lives there, including a focus on family members. Children will consolidate vocabulary and grammar through short writing tasks.

**Science:** This half term we will be learning about the **evolution** of living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. This will cover the production of offspring and how animals and plants are adapted to their environments. This will lead on to the next unit, which will focus on **classification**, identifying key scientists and theories to categorise living things.



**Music:** Our children will have the opportunity to use soundtrap to partake in whole class instrument lessons. They will begin learning songs for their Year 6 production.

**PE:** Year 6 are covering Basketball this half term (invasion games), covering dribbling, passing, attacking and defending, ending in small sided games. **It is important that children come in wearing the correct PE uniform!**

## Homework:

Children will continue to be set Reading and Maths homework weekly from homework books that will be provided for them. This will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday in 6RU, and set on Thursday and due in on Wednesday in 6JM.

**Computing/DT:** Children will be building on their Y5 skills to produce a design to fulfil a client request for a gadget, learning how to meet the client's needs. They will use their knowledge of Tinkercad to produce a 3D image of their design, and explore how to present their completed model to the client.

