

# Shakespeare Class News



2nd December 2022

Hi from Shakespeare class,  
Week six of the second half of our Autumn term and the festive mood is growing across school. In class this week we have been doing some testing across English and Maths to see how the children are progressing. Please have a look at the 'Upcoming Dates' on the rear of the class news sheet, as there is lots going on next week.

## Homework

This week there is the Schofield and Sims Maths task book coming home and also tasks set through Atom Learning. Whilst the book / paper-based homework tasks **remain the priority, we have a number of the children not completing their homework.**  
**Both should be in school on Wednesday's.**

## English / Literacy (Pink book)

Not coming home this week. However, information about the 'Rotary Christmas Story Competition for this year has been emailed out. Over the last few years we have had a number of children write an original story with a Christmas theme. The story should be on A4 paper comprising of around 150 words and may be decorated. Stories submitted are then sent to the Rotary Club for consideration, which can result in the children's entries winning prizes.

## Atom Learning

Supporting the learning done in class there are activities set through the platform. The tasks set can be found when the children log in on their 'To-Do List' of activities. With each task there are useful videos and help sheets that can be accessed by clicking on them at the top if required. The children will also have had the opportunity to log in at school to start some of these activities.

## Maths

Mental Arithmetic returns home today to keep our Maths skills ticking over and these books should be returned on **Wednesday**. Your child will need to complete one page of MA using pencil unless they have been told otherwise. Many thanks for those of you who had one extra look at home and found some of the missing Maths homework books. Children currently without a Mental Arithmetic book will find a page from an appropriate MA book stuck inside their Pink homework book for now.

## Reading

Years 5 and 6 pupils should be reading for at least 30 minutes x 5 a week. This could be reading to an adult aloud, independently or sharing a book together. It is important that the comprehension and understanding of the text is checked regularly.

## Race to Read

Children are being encourage to complete **50** reading sessions and these should be recorded on the sheet within their 'green' Reading record book.

## Spellings

Spellings are listed below in their groups. We will be working on these words during the upcoming week and these words will be tested on **Friday**.

There are also some 'Challenge Spellings' which we have come across during our English literacy lessons. Please support you child in learning the focused words first before the 'Challenge' list. We will on Fridays test the children on both lists.

(Year 5 & 6 focused words)	Challenge Spelling Words
<b>Spelling rule: 'cian' words</b>	
electrician	secret
musician	path
technician	gate
magician	flower
physician	insect
optician	transparent
politician	predict
mathematician	contrast
dietician	previous
tactician	patience

As always, please remember that there is lots more information about things going on in Shakespeare class which can be found on the school website within the Shakespeare class pages

*I hope you have a lovely weekend and many thanks for your support*

## Upcoming Dates from the calendar

### **Sunday 4th December** - it's

Shakespeare class's turn to be involved in Frittenden Church half-hour family-friendly service 10-10:30am. Rev Pete and Mr Hancock will be working together to include all the pupils who would like to take part. We'd like to encourage as many as possible to take this opportunity, so please check your diaries and let Mr Hancock know if your child is able to attend.

**6<sup>th</sup> December** - Forest School for Year 5

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - Christingle Service at church from 2.30 p.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Walk / talk / reflect – Children will be walking in their school house groups.

**9<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.00 a.m. Celebration Assembly in the hall. This is followed by open classrooms for adults to stop by and look/share their children's work.

After school there is a disco in the Hall for those who have opted to attend.