

Shakespeare Class News



11th November 2022

Hi from Shakespeare class,
Our second week of the second half of the Autumn term finished with a celebration assembly. Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend.

In class we have started to explore the topic of Electricity in Science. Whilst in Maths we are now moving on to a Block of sessions focusing on 'Fractions'. More information about our Maths learning journey can be found on the website.

Homework

During the recent Autumn Parent consultations, I spoke with all those able to attend about some changes to Shakespeare homework moving forward from this term. Completing weekly **both** the Schofield and Sims Maths task and the activity in the English/Literacy 'pink book' **remain the priority. Both should be in school on Wednesday's**. Information about the change of focus with the English/Literacy tasks can be found below.

Atom Learning

Continuing from this week there will some set additional homework activities for the children to try. Remember that to access these the children will need to log in to their account. A letter with information and their log-in details came home last week.

As parents you should of also receive an email so that you can set up an account to allow you to follow/monitor how your child is getting on. If you are a Year 6 parent you may well already have set up your account during the last year and can therefore ignore the email. Please note though that all of the Year 6 children have new passwords for this school year. The activities set by myself within the Atom Learning platform will be different for the two groups within the class. These activities will be

targeting specific areas of the curriculum we have been working on. The children will also have opportunities in school to log in to 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.

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.

English / Literacy (Pink book)

Inside the Pink book this term there will be a Literacy focused task to be completed weekly. This week's is about 'Modal Verbs', and can be found stuck inside their books.

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) Spelling rule: 'cial' and 'tial' words	Challenge Spelling Words
essential	tall
special	dip
residential	memory
antisocial	gap
partial	sting
crucial	possess
preferential	rumour
beneficial	instinct
official	etch
presidential	anonymous

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 13th November

Remembrance Service @ St. Mary's
This starts at the war memorial at 10.30 before moving up to the church at 10.50. All welcome.

Friday 18th Children in Need activities going on in school. Please look out for further information.