

# BRAYBROOK

## Year 6

# Fortnightly Newsletter

### Maths

Over the last few weeks, the children in Year 6 have worked hard to develop their understanding of place value with numbers up to ten million, as well as negative and decimal numbers. As part of this, pupils have explored ordering and comparing numbers, placing them on a number line and rounding. Next, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, so practice of recalling times tables and related facts (particularly 7,8 and 12 x tables) will support this.

### English

In English, we have enjoyed reading the Highwayman book, and used a range of drama techniques to understand the narrative and the new vocabulary gathered from it. We then wrote our own character descriptions, diaries from different perspectives and will be writing and performing an interview with Landlord. For these pieces of writing, we have been focusing on cohesive devices. We will be going on to read Kensuke's Kingdom next which is very exciting!

### Science

In our Science sessions, we have been learning about how to classify different species, looking first at warm-blood and then cold blooded vertebrates. We used drama to re-enact how Carl Linnaeus first created with method of classifying animals and used his system ourselves. Next, we will be looking at invertebrates and plants.

## Foundation Subjects

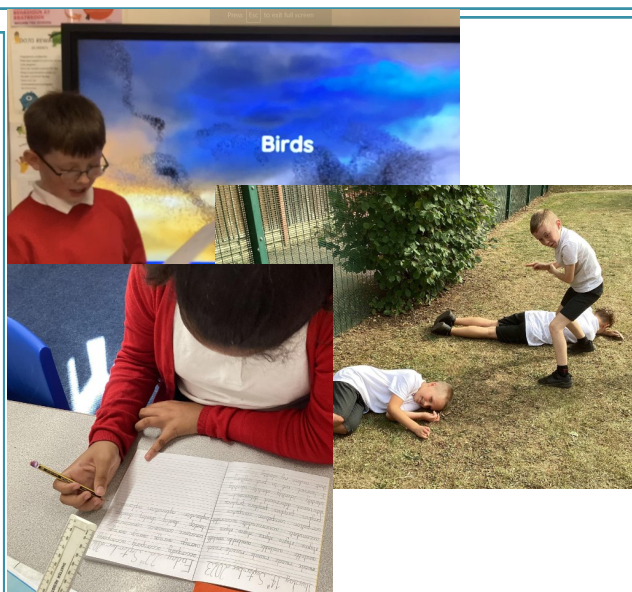
In our history sessions, we have loved travelling back to Ancient Greece and learning about their Gods and belief systems. We also had fun creating our own debate on whether we would choose to live in Sparta or Athens based on evidence we researched.

In computing, we have been learning about our digital footprint and the importance of online safety.

In Art, we have been focusing on portraits linked to our chosen significant figure for Black history month.

We will be moving on to analysing and comparing installation art and ready to eventually creating our own piece.

In PE, the children have continued to enjoy their team game sessions with YDP, developing team building skills and fitness levels.



## Reminders

Thank you for sending the children with their PE kit each Wednesday and sending them in with their reading books and planners each day.

### Key dates:

On the 17th and 18th of October, parents evening will take place, so please book on Arbor. The book fair will also be in. Swimming is still postponed as we have received no further updates on when the site will be open again.

**Homework:** a reminder that homework is sent out every Wednesday and is due back on Monday. Children should be reading at least 5 times and have an adult sign this in their planner. At least 45 minutes of Maths Whizz and 15 minutes of TT Rockstars should also be completed weekly. Reports of student engagement are sent automatically on a Monday so that we can track this and support any gaps identified in school.