

WEEK BEGINNING:



## Maths:

Year 6 have started exploring fractions in Maths. Some classes have taken this in different directions – Miss Parker’s class made pizza using fractions and Mr Scarle’s class had to solve a fractional problem in order to work out the ingredients to make 90 second microwave chocolate brownie. Both classes had a lot of fun. Elsewhere – teachers have been making maths fun and creative through different ways of answering test style questions and different resources.

Next week, the children will be moving on to mastering multi step problems with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

## English:

This week in English, Year 6 have started studying the Louis Sachar book, ‘Holes’. Even though we are only a few chapters in, there is a massive amount of interest and excitement surrounding what is going to happen to poor Stanley Yelnats and his friends at Camp Green Lake.

Next week – we will be thinking about Stanley’s first days at camp and writing a diary entry about how he is getting on.

## Topic:

We have just started our new topic – “Stars and Stripes” which looks at America. So far, we have been thinking about all things American and discussing what we already know about the historical and geographical features of the country, as well as what we want to learn over the next term. To bring our topic to life – we are travelling around America and learning about different states, towns and cities. Some classes have begun comparing the USA to the UK, and Birmingham, Alabama to Birmingham, England as well as learning about Time Zones – wondering what life is like in America at 8am when they are working hard at 1pm!

Next week, the children will be starting to look at some historical events in American history and will be making the short trip from Birmingham to Atlanta, Georgia.

## Growth Mindset:

Growth mindset is a concept developed by Carol Dweck, a professor of Psychology. It is the belief that a person’s abilities and intelligence can be developed through practice, hard work, dedication and motivation. We have introduced this across Year 5 and 6 to help children to realise that making mistakes is OK and that they can learn from them. As staff, we want to help them to become resilient learners and rise to the challenges that we give them. The children will be having lessons about growth mindset and how to develop their thinking but it will also come into every lesson that they have across the school. This will be something we continue to develop throughout the year and we will keep you up to date.

## Remember:

Please make sure your child comes in a coat that is named.

If your child is off ill, please call in to the office and write a note in their planner when they return.

## ATTENDANCE



Well done 6SP & 6RB!

