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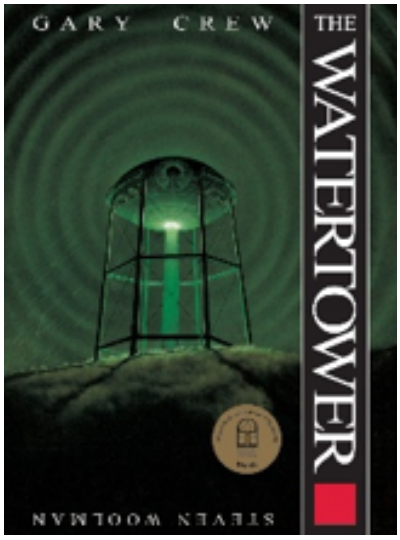
Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2

For this half term, Year 6 will be focusing on geography: **'Time zones and earthquakes: how do they impact the world?'** Throughout these units, the children will consider why we have different time zones; understand longitudinal lines and what the international date line is; the causes and impact of earthquakes and where major earthquake zones are located around the world.

ENGLISH

This term, Year 6 will be using the book, 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. This book is full of twists and turns of the plot and is often a firm favourite by lots of Year 6. Throughout the unit, the children will focus on narrative writing – creating suspense narratives based around the book (developing character, dialogue and action) and also explanation texts.





MATHS

In the early part of the term, we will be focusing on the children's knowledge of fractions, including adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing them.

Later in the half term, we will then be looking at decimals and percentages and the relationship between the three.

We will also be working on our arithmetic skills throughout the half term to consolidate our knowledge.

READING

We have now started our new Accelerated Reader programme, and all children should be bringing books home from school. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible at home (4 times a week would be great!)
When the children have completed their book, they will take a short quiz in school to test their understanding before changing to another book.



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SCIENCE

Our science topic for this half term is 'How do scientists use classification to group living things?' In this unit, the children will find out about classification of living things including the role Carl Linnaeus played. They will also look at microorganisms and how they help us.

PE

PE this term we will be continuing with swimming on a Wednesday morning.
Children need to bring a towel, a swimming cap, swimming trunks for boys (not Bermuda shorts) and swimming costumes for girls.
Children should also bring a snack to have beforehand.

