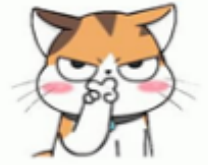


**Welcome back**, after a well-deserved half- term break!

How Time flies - incredibly, we are already in the second half of Year 6. Our emphasis will be on motivating the children to achieve **their** very best in all areas of the curriculum. We will be hawk-eyed, ready to pounce on unnecessary errors in punctuation, spelling and general presentation!



*Be warned children!*

### Coming up:

**English** -completing a short unit based on Chaperon Rouge, as well as linking our new history topic with newspaper writing. Then, starting a new unit on persuasive writing;  
**Maths** - continuing to develop confidence with algebraic equations;  
**Spellings** -revision of homophones;  
**History** - finding out about the Viking invasions of Lindisfarne and Yorvik;  
**RE** -continuing to learn about Buddhism;  
**PSHE** - new topic of Healthy Me;  
**French** - linking our Viking topic to descriptive vocabulary of the invaders!  
**Science** - learning about the circulatory system.

### BROCKHAM NATURE RESERVE Wildlife Garden Survey

Sorbus Learning CIC is a not-for-profit organisation, based in Brockham, that helps communities connect with nature. They are busy building the community garden at the moment but, they also have a new project for 2023 - Brockham Nature Reserve, working with residents and local organisations to make space for nature in village greenspaces to improve the biodiversity of community green spaces, recreation grounds, road verges and gardens. A short garden survey is the start of their project, for our school and local community. We have asked the children in Year 6 to complete the survey with their families- to look at what insects and birds you can see, and to record how your garden works for wildlife. We are linking this to the children's learning.

**Time to pause.** While we are progressing on the maths programme for Year 6, there is one area, which does need extra help. The children are struggling in confidence with telling the time. Access to analogue and digital timepieces is essential; in their time out of school there will be many opportunities to try to ask the children about the time: time passing, simple timetables, set alarms, ask the time! This is one of those tricky learning curves which need constant reminders and practise. Although once embedded we never forget!

### Internet Safety Week

This week the children have been learning about internet safety; how to keep safe online. Which is particularly important as they prepare to go onto secondary school. Information will be sent out following the parent meeting held by Dave Robinson this week.

### Junior Citizen Event

On Monday, the children completed this worthwhile activity. Hopefully, the children will share some of the useful tips and guidance, which was tightly tailored to coping with the sorts of challenges your child might encounter, stepping forward to Secondary School.

