



Year 6 Learning Letter

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

time flies - we have already done 2 weeks since returning and we are, 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 potential in all areas of the curriculum. We will be hawk-eyed, ready to pounce on unnecessary errors in punctuation, spelling and general presentation!



Coming up:

English - completing our unit on balanced arguments.

Maths - Finishing our work on the link between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Geography - Continuing our unit on Europe, looking at why the Mediterranean is a popular holiday destination (and writing a persuasive argument about this) and comparing news stories from the region.

RE - We are studying our topic entitled 'What helps Muslims enjoy a good life?'

PSHE - new topic of Healthy Me.

French - We are learning about our solar system.

Science - learning about evolution, focussing on how this affects our food and how environmental factors affect plants

Time to pause...while we are progressing on the maths programme for Year 6, there is one area which, as always, still needs a bit more work. Some 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. Any extra help with this at home would be both very useful and much appreciated.



Surrey Wildlife Trust - Actions for Nature

Surrey Wildlife Trust has been working with our school to encourage practical actions beyond the school grounds and help nature thrive. Complete one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community, and our school will be in with a chance of winning a £500 grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement. It isn't hard or expensive to help our wildlife, your action could be as simple as a litter pick! If you're lucky enough to have a garden, you could feed the birds, plant pollinator-friendly plants or go chemical-free.

Explore your possible Actions for Nature: www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions



Balanced Arguments

We are, at present, in the middle of our unit on balanced arguments. We have so far discussed questions such as 'are computer games a good thing?', 'Should homework be banned?', 'Is AI a good thing?' and 'should we have a shorter summer holiday and longer half terms?' We have been really impressed with the quality of debate, the mature way in which they have been made and the vocabulary used.

Junior Citizen Event

On Wednesday, we will be taking Year 6 to Epsom race course for the annual 'Junior Citizen' event. We will spend the morning taking part in activities that will help to develop the children's knowledge of how to keep themselves safe and equip them with the skills to approach many of the challenges they will face as they move onto secondary school.