



Spring 2 Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome back. It's been a cold, hard January, but as the leaves begin to bud, and the daffodils risk a glance above soil, we've got a half term of excitement to look forward to.

Writing

We will be reading *Island: A story of the Galapagos* by Jason Chin. It links perfectly to our recent science unit of adaption and inheritance, and will allow us to practise our journalistic writing (including the use of different verb forms, passive voice, and colons to demarcate clauses).

Reading

Looking to excite the adventurers among us, we will be reading Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer*, and looking carefully at her language use throughout.

Maths

We will be covering percentages, decimals and algebra before the Easter holidays.

Science

How do we see? Why can't we see around corners? Why do we see in colour? How can we manipulate shadow? We will be looking to answer all of these questions in our physics unit – *How do we see?*

History

Our focus is *The Ancient Islamic Empire*. We will be looking at the beginnings of the empire, and what made ancient Baghdad so special.

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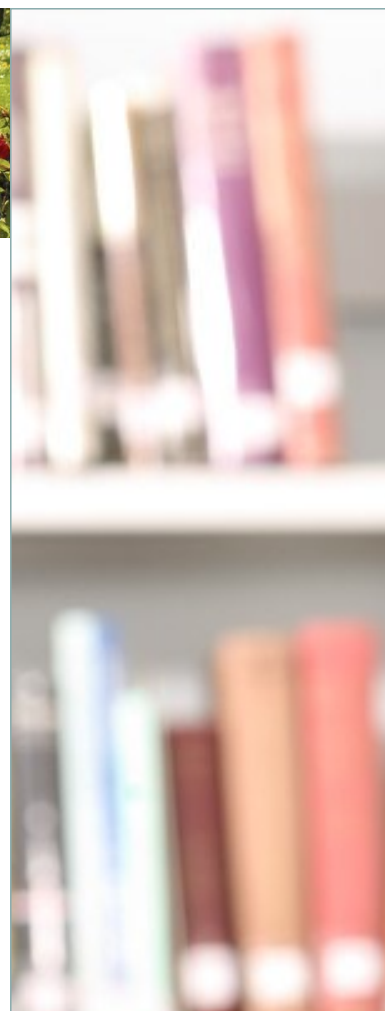
Do you know how to perform a perfect cartwheel? Neither do I, but by the end of this half term's *gymnastics* unit, we will have given it a really good go!

Home reading. Please make sure your child reads at home **5 times per week**.

Times Tables – Please make sure your child spends 50 minutes per week on Times Table Rock Stars (there is a parallel raffle running for this also).

Thank you for all of your support,

Mr Badley and Mrs Wilcox



Spellings – spellings will be sent home weekly. These could either be a set of words, a particular spelling rule, or a list of your own personal 'challenge words'. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

Homework – This will alternate between Century Tech nuggets and CGP '10-minute test' booklets. All homework will be due in on Fridays.

P.E. – Our day is Thursday. Your child will need their 'indoor kit' (t-shirts, shorts and pumps – trainers are not allowed on the school gymnastics mats).