

# Year 6 Update – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**We have arrived at February already and we will soon be halfway through the school year. Please find details of the activities the children have done this week as we head towards the spring half term.**

## Religious Education

- Year 6 Lisbon have been discussing why the Bible is special and Year 6 Padua have been looking up different passages using Bible references.

**Vocabulary: scripture, book, chapter, verse, sacred**

## Pre-learning

- In the coming weeks we will be learning about the Dead Sea Scrolls.

## English

- This week we have started our new topic based on the book, 'Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around Us.'
- We learnt about a cockatrice and some of the features of this creature.
- We discussed how we could use zones of relevance when selecting appropriate vocabulary to describe it.

**Vocabulary: zones of relevance, language choices**

## National Story-Telling Week

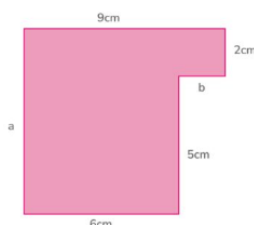
- As part of National Story-Telling Week Year 6 visited EYFS to read some stories to the nursery children. The Year 6's and Nursery really enjoyed these visits and we plan to do this again later in the year.

## Pre-Learning

- Next week the children will be writing an informative poster for visitors to a local woodland warning them of the presence of cockatrices.

## Mathematics

- This week Year 6 Lisbon have been looking at the perimeter of shapes and Year 6 Padua the area of shapes.
- The children have been solving the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes where they also must work out the length of any missing sides e.g.



## **Pre-learning**

- Next week we will be looking at the area of triangles and parallelograms.

## **World Number Day**

- Today was World Number Day and Watford Football Club were in school to lead some active mathematical activities with each class.

## **SATS Preparation**

- Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on our preparation for SATS.
- The children will be completing past papers in reading, SPAG and maths and revising any areas where they need some reinforcement.
- We will also be discussing exam technique and effective time management.

## **Science**

- Year 6 Lisbon completed their Science topic on light and shadow this week by making their own periscopes.
- Year 6 Padua continued with their work on evolution and variance which Lisbon will begin next week.

**Vocabulary: shadow, reflection, incidence, ray, orbit, angle.**

## **Alarm Test**

Yesterday we tested our invacuation alarms. As with our fire drills, the children behaved very sensibly. Well done to everyone.

## **Indoor Athletics Competition**

- Year 6 Lisbon competed in an indoor athletics competition against St John's School on Thursday.
- It was a very enjoyable morning; the children did well and were great ambassadors for our school through their conduct and sporting behaviour.
- It was an incredibly close competition and we narrowly lost by 2 points, however, as only two schools were competing we did qualify for the finals which will be held in the coming months.

## **Other Information**

- On Monday we started our booster classes; these will be a series of 10 one-hour sessions after school to support the children with either maths or English. We hope the children will find these sessions beneficial and enjoyable.
- Year 6 Lisbon are swimming on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- School will finish at 3:30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February for half-term.

We hope you have a great weekend

Kind regards

The Year 6 Team