



Welcome to Autumn 2

The Year 6 team would like to say a massive thank you to all the students for their hard work so far this year. They have settled incredibly well into the new routines of Year 6 and have risen to the challenge of being the oldest students in school.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers for their support. It was fantastic to meet so many of you at parent's evening in the last week of term. If you were not able to attend, please contact the office or class teacher to arrange a meeting.

Thank you also for your support with our new home reading systems. Many of the students have enjoyed using Padlet to record the reading they are doing at home; while others have chosen to write in reading journals. Both ways are equally effective. Although we no longer expect parents to sign the reading journals, we are still keen for parents to check-in with their children's reading—sharing stories and enjoying books together. By reading frequently and aloud, your child will increase their reading fluency, pace and understanding—all vital skills

Maths

In Autumn 2, we will continue to build on the students' knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The students will also be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.



Students need to continue practising their times tables using TTRS at least 3 times a week. Please let us know if your child

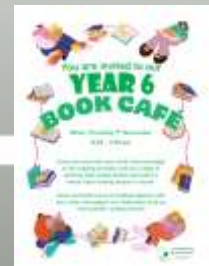
needs a reminder of their login details.

Year 6 Book Café

Thank you to all who attended yesterday.

Children enjoyed looking at all the new books which are waiting to be added to our library stock.

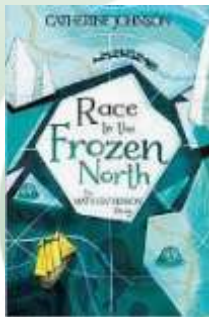
Students and their adults took part in a Year 6 book talk session, modelling what quality book discussion looks like for this age group.





Reading and Writing

Our new class novel is *Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story* by Catherine Johnson. This fits in perfectly with our term's inspiration for writing—*Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill.



When orphan Matthew Henson ran away from his violent stepmother to find a new life in the big city, no one could have predicted that he would become the first man to reach the North Pole. A little luck and lot of hard work led to a life of adventure on the high seas and in the Arctic, but back home in America his achievements were ignored due to the colour of his skin.

Race to the Frozen North tells his remarkable true story.



A breath-taking visual representation of Shackleton's fateful expedition to Antarctica, Grill's stunningly illustrated volume includes exploded diagrams of provisions and expressive images of the icebound environment and is perfect reading for both children and adults alike.

Wider Curriculum

In **Science**, students will be learning about **light**, recapping what they already know about the sun and moon, and investigating how light travels and how humans see.

In **Art**, the students will be exploring the work of three portrait artists and using their style, form and tone to inspire their own ideas for a portrait.

Our Humanities focus this term will be **History**. We will be learning about Ernest Shackleton, the boat *Endurance* and

Please be aware that Year 6 P.E days have changed. Our P.E days will now be:

MONDAY & THURSDAY

Please ensure students wear PE kit and trainers on these days only. The correct school uniform must be worn on every other day - no hoodie - unless they are part of an after-school sport club.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child this year. Please feel free to come and say hello to us, or contact the office to pass on a message.

