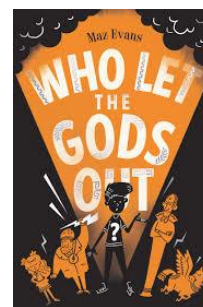
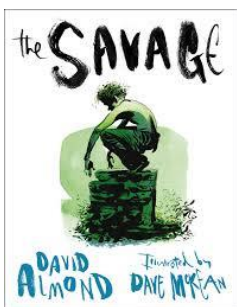


Year 6 Newsletter

Summer Term



What we will be learning this term:

English – We will be studying the book 'The Savage' by David Almond and drawing on our previous learning to consolidate our inference skills and understand the narrative behind a clip – 'Alma'.

Reading – We will be looking at building our stamina and improving our fluency and comprehension skills in preparation for SATs and secondary school. After SATs, children will be reading the novel "Who Let the Gods out" by Maz Evans. We will focus on developing our understanding of characters and inference across the whole novel.

Mathematics – To begin with, we will be covering geometry. This means that the children will be learning about area and perimeter as well as looking at 2D and 3D shapes in more depth. We will also be looking at algebra, ratio and ensuring that the children are well-prepared for starting secondary school maths when they leave Harefield. For the couple of weeks leading up to SATs, we will be revising previously taught areas of learning, including, fractions, the four operations, decimals, percentages and working with units of measure.

Science – To begin the term, children will be learning all about light and considering the questions, how does light travel, how light is reflected and how shadows are formed. We will then move on to looking at electricity and circuits. Children will build and draw circuits before investigating different components such as brightness of the bulbs.

Art - We will be observing the art of L. S. Lowry to capture mood and emotions when painting our own cityscape, consolidating our learning about shades, tints and tones using the artist's favourite colour palette – ivory black, vermilion, Prussian blue, yellow ochre and flake white - then made deliberate choices to create our final pieces. To end the summer term, we will be studying the work of Antony Gormley and will learn about the artist's contribution to our culture. We will then create our own sculpture inspired by the artist's 'Angel of the North'.

Design and Technology – This term, we will be exploring and comparing real textile products thinking about how they look, how they are used and how they affect the environment. Children will be developing and testing design ideas by creating pattern pieces and making prototypes to explore how well they work and how suitable they are to create 3D shaped textile products.

History – In History, we will find out about the history of Harefield house, learning how to use historical sources, whilst focussing on their reliability.

Geography – This term, Year 6 will learn about how earthquakes occur, focusing on tectonic plates and the structure of the Earth. They will explore how earthquakes are measured, where they are most likely to happen around the world, and study the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami to understand its causes and impact.

PSHE – Year 6 will continue to look at relationships and consider what a healthy friendship looks like including trust and respect. We will then look at staying safe in the wider world by considering fire, water and road safety.

RE – In RE, we will be learning about power, what it means in our society and how we can use it to help within the world.

Computing – This term, Year 6 will enter the exciting world of computer-based 3D design. Using the software 'Tinkercad', the children will learn how to use a digital 3D space. We will explore how computer based 3D design is used in architecture. The unit culminates with year 6 planning, 3D modelling, evaluating and modifying their own original building designs.

PE – Year 6 will be starting to develop their skills in different athletics disciplines, such as running and hurdles.

Spanish - This term, Year 6 will learn vocabulary for clothing and how to describe what they are wearing in Spanish. They will practise using correct articles, adding colours, asking and answering questions, and talking about what they would pack in a suitcase.

This half term's optional home-learning project:

TTRockstars – 5 times a week to learn their times tables

Emile – 5 times a week to learn their spellings

NESSY – 5 times a week (for those children who have a login)

Reading – Read 4 times a week

Key Dates

Things going on

11th – 14th – SATs week

There are some exciting things happening for year 6 over the Summer Term. An additional letter with all dates will be sent home once confirmed.