



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 4 2021/22

Hello! What an amazing term it has been! It has flown by and we can't quite believe we are heading into Term 4. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about prehistory last term, which included the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.

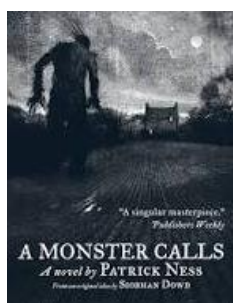
Now we cannot wait to start our new term and have planned lots of fun and exciting activities for the children to engage them in their learning. This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering for the next six weeks up until Easter. If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all. Thank you.

English

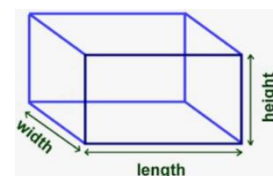
In English this term, we will be completing two narrative units starting with 'Hansel and Gretel' by Neil Gaiman, and later in the term, 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness.

Throughout each of these units we will be working on how to create atmosphere and developing our use of a range of sentence types, choosing when best to use them.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be learning about algebra and solving problems using algebra. We will also be revisiting the different areas of measure, converting from one unit to another, then solving problems. We are going to look closely at timetables and calculate journey times. Later on the term, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and using formulae to calculate area, perimeter and volume.



We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension.

If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Coult.

Foundation Subjects

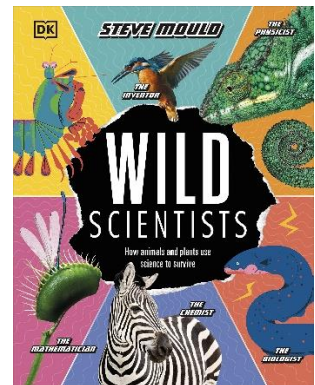
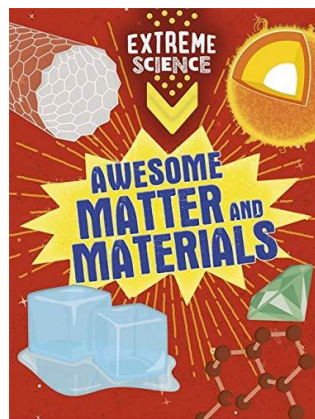
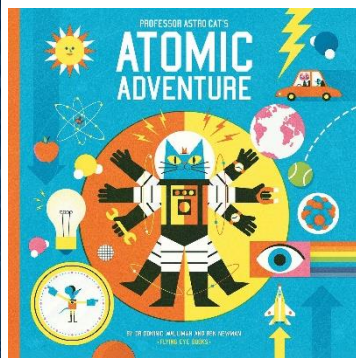
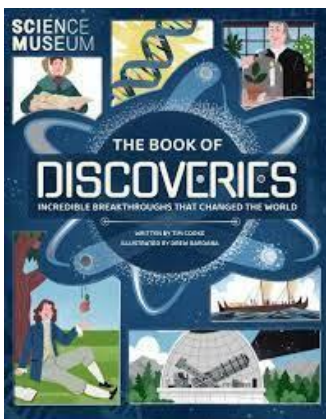
Our topic this term is ‘Changing Materials’.

It’s an exciting scientific topic where we will be learning all about materials and states of matter. As scientists, we will be exploring what makes something a solid, liquid or a gas. We will look at how we can create changes in state, including using heat to accelerate this change. We will be asking developing our own scientific enquires and looking at processes such as evaporation, dissolving and filtering. We will also be considering whether changes made to materials are reversible or irreversible and why this might be.

Please refer to your child’s ‘Changing Materials’ knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

Term 4 ‘Changing Materials’ Reading Spine


These are a selection of books Year 6 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child’s learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



Your child will be taking part in P.E on Monday and Wednesday. We ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address – southamericaclass@sgmail.org.uk



We will continue to send home your child’s homework for the entire term. This will include the term’s spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. We would love to see any evidence of these activities in your homework books and **we will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 6th April.**

	<p>These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 5.</p> <p>Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their purple mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home.</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.</p>

Year 6 Term 4 Key dates:

- **Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – please come dressed as your favourite fictional character!**
- **Week beginning 14th March – British Science Week.**
- **Tuesday 22nd March Year 6 Residential Trip meeting – details to follow**
- **Friday 1st April – Salvation Day**
- **Wednesday 6th/Thursday 7th April Parents Evenings**