

YEAR 6 | TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

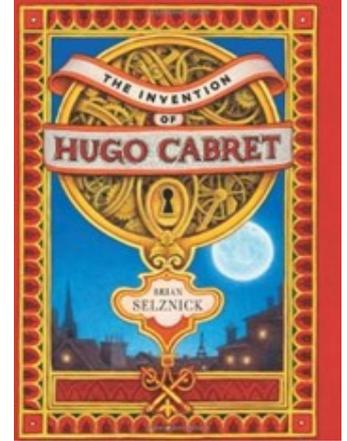
CHAINS OF FREEDOM



We hope you have all enjoyed the half-term break and are ready for another fantastic term leading up to Christmas! We are looking forward to the children continuing to show our school values of Respect, Determination, Ambition and Adventure.

WRITING

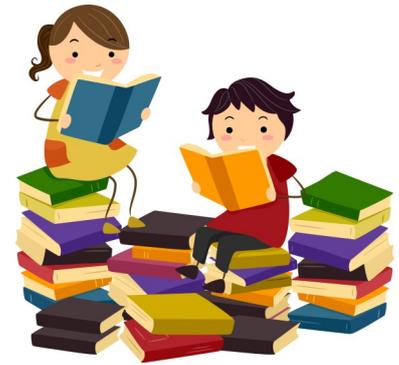
Our English is based on the novel '*The Invention of Hugo Cabret*' by Brian Selznick. Through the fantastic language of the text, pictures and film clips, we will develop our non-fiction pieces. Towards the end of the term, the children will produce their own Newspaper article. Regular grammar skills and spelling sessions will continue with weekly **spelling tests on Fridays**.



READING

For our whole class reading sessions, we will continue to use Wonder as well as Hugo Cabret to develop the children's comprehension skills: inference, deduction, working out the meaning of unfamiliar words and ensuring the children can support their answers with evidence from the text.

Please continue to discuss books and read with your child at home; the more the better.



MATHS

Term 2 will focus on developing the children's understanding and confidence with solving calculations mentally, including BIDMAS problems. Later on in the term, we will focus on fractions, decimals and percentage and using equivalences between them to solve problems in a different context.

To build on the children's fluency of the four operations, we will be giving them eight arithmetic skills on a daily basis as well as continuing to use numeracy ninja.



TOPIC

Throughout Term 2, we will build on our knowledge of the 'Chains of Freedom' but will focus on the impact of the slave trade on cities within the UK. Therefore, we will be doing an in-depth study on Bristol's role during and after the slave trade. We will be exploring various artists from this era to develop our skills using different media.



PE

Our PE sessions will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Bristol Sport on Thursdays will continue and the children will develop their tag rugby skills and techniques.

Please ensure your child has **indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every day**. Their PE kit needs to include their Tynings house top and a separate pair of trainers. All clothing **must** be clearly labelled including wellies for forest school.



HOME LEARNING

Thank you for all the fantastic home learning projects we received and shared. They were all very unique and a lot of thought was put into them!

Our next home learning project will be after Christmas.

We are pleased the children are responding well to the weekly home learning activities. This will continue next term but we would like the homework books in for Wednesday to ensure every book is in class for Friday's marking session. We will put the spellings on the website to refer to for Friday's test.



It is vital that children continue to read age-appropriate, high quality texts every day. Please see the school website for a list of Year 5 and 6 recommended texts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th November: Term 2 starts

Thursday 8th November: Year 6 Lifeskills trip

Friday 30th November: Falcon's class assembly

Thursday 13th December: Provisional 6pm KS2 Carol concert at Staple Hill Methodist church

Friday 14th December: Christmas Jumper day

Monday 17th December: 10:30am church service KS2 St Stephen's Christmas service

Friday 21st December: Non-Uniform day and end of term