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Year 6 Issue 2

Our aim is to keep parents/carers informed about key dates, celebrate successes and to provide you with the information you need to support your child at home.

Following a successful half term, year 6 pupils have begun focusing on their SATs by completing the first round of mock tests in classrooms.

### WORKING TOGETHER



**Inspire**  
**Achieve**  
**Excel**

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Mrs A McKinnon

**Maths queries:**  
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## English Update

Year 6 have continued to work really hard and have produced some really impressive writing last term as part of our 'A Christmas Carol' unit in English – hopefully you saw some of the work in our Facebook update before the Christmas break.

This term, we are starting a new unit – '**Children of the Dust.**' The book is set during the aftermath of a nuclear attack and we cannot wait for students to write their public service announcements advising the public what to do in the event of a nuclear attack, in addition to a setting description for a post-nuclear attack environment.

In addition to their writing, students continue to work on honing their reading skills through their study of the book, as well as in their dedicated reading comprehension lesson each week and by quizzing on 'Accelerated Reader.' The tablets for quizzing are available at break and lunchtimes, during registration and in pupils' library lessons. We are still waiting to find out who will be our first 'Word Millionaire' – the student who has quizzed successfully on the books that they have read and whose reading has meant that they have read one million words. Did I mention that there are prizes available for reaching this point? Get quizzing Year 6!

Want to know more about 'Accelerated Reader'? See the parent guide from their website here: <https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>

Our whole-year English targets at the moment include being able to identify and use the following SPaG elements: semi-colons, commas to mark fronted adverbials and formal and informal language.

**Mrs McKinnon's website/ online tip of the month:**

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

## Maths Update

**In the first half term of the spring term, the children will be working on decimals, percentages and algebra:**

### Decimals:

Identify the value of each digit in numbers given to 3 decimal places and multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places.

Multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers.

Use written division methods in cases where the answer has up to 2 decimal places.

Solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy.

### Percentages:

Solve problems involving the calculation of percentages [for example, of measures and such as 15% of 360] and the use of percentages for comparison.

Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages including in different contexts.

### Algebra:

Use simple formulae

Generate and describe linear number sequences.

Express missing number problems algebraically.

Find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.

### Homework

Homework is set weekly, and this term is from a booklet. Please see your maths teacher if you need support with your maths homework.

## Quotes of the Month

*"Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts."*

**Edward R Murrow (1908 - 1965)**  
American journalist

*"We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."*

**John W Gardner (1912 - 2002)**  
American politician

*"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."*

**Thomas Edison (1847 - 1931)**  
American inventor

*"Obstacles are those frightful things that you see when you take your eyes off your goal."*

**Henry Ford (1863 - 1947)**  
Founder of the Ford Motor Company

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."*

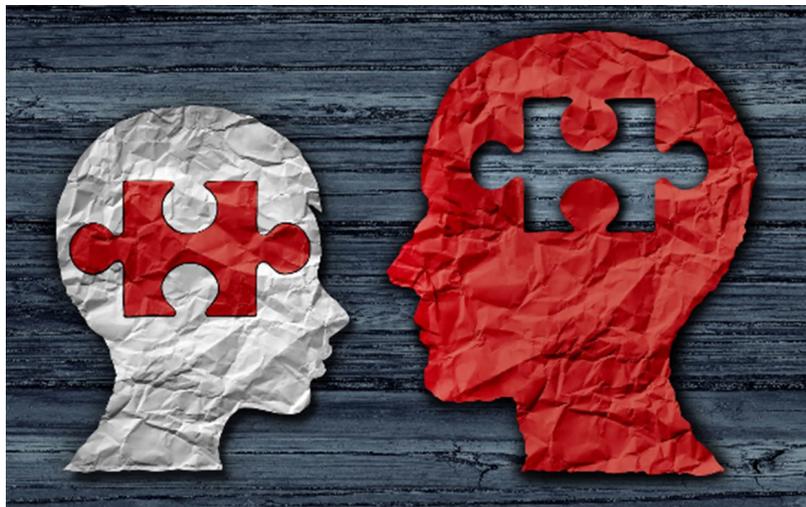
**Anatole France (1844 - 1924)**  
French poet, journalist and novelist



# attendance **MATTERS**

### Recognising 100% attendance:

We would like to celebrate the achievement of **97** pupils in Year 6 who have achieved **100% attendance since September**. This is a *fantastic* achievement and we would like to congratulate them all!



Our shared target for attendance is

# 97%

Year group target

## Key Dates for Year 6

**SATS mock exam 2**  
**Week Beginning**  
**Monday 10th February**