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Year 6 Progress Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to keep you informed of how Year 6 is going for our pupils this year. We have found that in the past, parents have felt 'out of the loop' when it comes to Year 6, as it is such a vital year in their child's education.

Reading

I am pleased to tell you that following recent assessments, our results for reading are looking positive. The year 6 team have been impressed at the resilience shown by our pupils during the assessments and at how hard they have been working throughout this half term.

There are some pupils who will be receiving additional support. This will range from going back to the basics of reading and exploring phonics, to developing their fluency and reading speed at a Year 6 level.

One way you can help is to encourage your child to develop their range of texts that they are reading. Reading high quality, age appropriate texts can have a significant impact on their love of reading and their vocabulary development, which in turn, improves their writing outcomes. There are lots of suggested texts here: [Recommended Reading List - Year 6](#).

It is incredibly important that our pupils are reading regularly. We give them opportunities every day for independent reading, as well as daily lessons on developing skills in understanding texts. They also need to aim to read as much as possible at home. They can record this independently in their reading records which gives them the chance of winning a raffle to visit Waterstones with the school and choosing a book as a prize.

Writing

This year so far, we have been closing gaps in grammar and punctuation knowledge and carefully choosing writing activities for our pupils that will give them a chance to apply their skills. They have recently written a set of instructions on how to make a firework, based on the text 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman, and will be writing next week about the Shang Dynasty using knowledge gained from their History lessons.

We will be identifying pupils who will need additional support in writing before the end of this half term, and sharing this with you at parents evening. This support will involve a separate writing group for our pupils that find writing particularly challenging, and afternoon group work on closing gaps in grammatical skills.

A big focus for us this year is spelling, so anything you can do at home to help will be appreciated. You can find a list of spellings that Year 6 children need to be able to spell here: [Year 5 and 6 Spelling List](#).

Mathematics

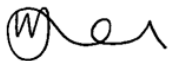
Our Year 6 pupils came with strong arithmetic skills from Year 5 which is great news. We have been developing that by moving into more complex calculations and will begin a fractions unit after the half term. Pupils enjoy their maths lessons, and it has been a pleasure to be able to teach in 6BT and see their confidence grow.

We have identified pupils who will need additional support in Maths, and will be communicating this to parents next week. This support will include after school clubs and additional group work in the afternoons.

Knowing their times tables facts will make maths lessons a lot easier for your child, and we are currently working on this in school. Pupils can work on this at home by using the [TT Rockstars app](#), or simply writing out their times tables on paper and reading them outloud to themselves. Their times tables are important for when we move onto fractions, and currently with our work on multiplication and division.

I hope you have found this update useful. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher or myself via the school office, and we will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pullen', enclosed in a circular stamp.

Miss Pullen

Deputy Headteacher