

LEARNING LETTER

Class 6
Mr Stoppard supported by Mrs Dutton
Autumn 2 2026-2027

NEW TOPIC – Design & Technology – Creating a working toy using cams



This term the children will be expanding their design and technology skills to learn how to make a toy using cams to provide movement. This topic will allow us to learn how to use different cams and materials to make our toy both unique and interesting. Cams allow an infinite amount of movement, and the project will allow everyone to use their imaginations to let their creations fly.

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Class reader

As we continue the new school year it is vitally important that everyone is quickly up to speed with their reading both in school and at home. It is still vitally important that all children can read fluently, and your help is appreciated. If you can read and sign your child's reading diary 3 or 4 times a week, this help soon adds up, and your child will benefit hugely. Each daily read contributes to their Reading Olympics tally. This term, we are aiming for 100% of the class having read 20 times in the term.

P.E.

Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Y6 will need PE kit on for both days whilst the Y5 children will need to bring their swimming kit on Wednesday. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Christmas Craft Afternoon

As is usual for this time of year, we will be having our Christmas Craft Afternoon on the afternoon of Tuesday 1st December. This is a fabulous event and your help and support with this is greatly appreciated and is an excellent start to the Christmas period at school.

A very important year

As we return for a new school year, some things have changed but one thing that has not is the fact that year 6 is still one of the most important years of primary education. Everyone at school is working towards the SATS exams in May next year and it is vitally important that all children have the best preparation for this time. Therefore, it is imperative that every child is here every day and makes the most of their time. Please ensure that time off school is minimised and that all children are here on time every-day. I will also be sending home occasional maths homework to help individual groups.

THIS TERMS VALUE

This terms value is 'Resilience' and we will be working on building the children's confidence and resilience and showing them different techniques in dealing with school life. For instance, the children should understand that not everything can go right straight away and sometimes we need to work hard to improve ourselves and the work we produce.



HOMEWORK CHALLENGES – CLASS 6 AUTUMN 2 2026

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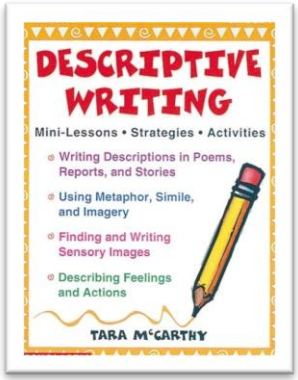
This term the children will be expanding their Design & Technology skills to learn about cams and how they can be used to make moving toys. This topic will allow us to learn how to use different materials and joining methods to make a fully functioning toy. We will also be using our writing skills and trying to improve the standard of our writing ready for our final writing moderation. For your homework, you can choose which activity to complete. For some of them, you could record your results electronically, or the finished project could come to school. Remember, it does not need to be here until nearer the half term holidays so have a think and take your time.



For your design and technology homework, why not design a toy using cams just like we will be doing at school. You can use materials you have around the house and fashion different cams from cardboard. Ideas thought of at home can always be added to the work we are completing at school.



Science is all about using the scientific method to try and answer questions about our world. Have a think about our topic all about adaptation and evolution.
What questions could you ask about things that live in our environment? How are they adapted to survive and thrive?
Write a report to present your ideas to our class.



In Literacy, we have been writing a description of our character from the book 'The Last Wild'. We have tried to use lots of ambitious vocabulary, extended phrases and a combination of different sentence types to make our work really stand out. Why not write a description of someone real or fictional using all the features we have learnt.