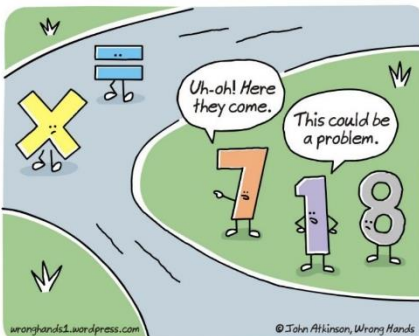


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Welcome back to a new term. We are very lucky to have Miss Camp, a student teacher, with us this term. Keep checking our class blog on the website to see photos of what we've been up to.

Topic: Our topic this term is **Jump into Lindale**. We will be learning about John Wilkinson as well as local geography. As always our topic will feed into all other lessons where appropriate and is something we will really get stuck into. If anyone has any old photographs of Lindale, we would be really grateful to borrow them as it is always interesting to see how things have changed and stayed the same.

English: We will be using a mixture of Read Write Inc, the Power of Reading and topic based inspiration for our English lessons this term. We have nearly finished our book Phoenix, which has been really exciting, and my English group are now excited to start reading The Girl of Ink and Stars. As always, we have a focus on reading for pleasure and finding the right books to engage each child. We are still using Reading Pro and, now that Spellbinding is coming to an end, I will be expecting to see the children completing quizzes regularly to help their comprehension skills. Last term, the children in my English group were given a list of **100 books to read by the end of year 6** – the purpose of this is to inspire the children to read a range of books, especially ones they may not have considered before. From next year, I will be treating this as a challenge with a prize for completion. There are some books on the list that the children have highlighted – these have some mature content (year 6+ level) and therefore I have labelled them as “ask an adult” books.



Maths: The summer term is a good chance to consolidate our learning and revisit any areas the children found challenging. If your child does not have a quick mental recall of all times table and related division facts, this will continue to be a focus this term. Times Table Rockstar is a great way to practise these skills and all children have a login.

DT and Art: Miss Camp has planned an exciting DT unit this term! We are going to develop our woodwork skills to create bird boxes. We then plan to put these bird boxes up around school to help encourage wildlife. We will also be looking at bridges linked to our work on John Wilkinson.



Music: Last term the Friends of Lindale purchased a full set of glockenspiels for school. We have been using these in music paired with music lessons on Charanga. This term, we will be continuing to develop our skills on the Glockenspiel which is also great for areas such as being able to read and understand sheet music, hear pitch and tone, keep a beat and compose songs.

Science: We will be beginning this term by learning about magnets and linking this to our previous learning on forces last term. Towards the end of the school year, our topic in Science will be light.



Homework: As I stated in my last newsletter, in the lead up to SATs year 6 can expect homework at a variety of times during the week – as well as consolidation of our revision, this is a good way of preparing the children for secondary school. Usual homework goes out on a Tuesday and is returned the following Monday. Spelling Shed has not been set in a few weeks but will be set on a Friday and in for the following Friday to be tested.