

Homework

We would rather re-word this term to 'Home Help'

We need your help to make your child progress and reach their potential. We are concerned about the amount of time children spend with screens of various kinds and the lack of 'playing' and interacting without the need of a screen. As a result we would rather your child has time to play out, climb trees and enjoy the world around them.

There are however some things we feel are vitally important and would really like your help.

READING

Reading is **the** key skill required to unlock all other subjects (including maths!) and is a vital life skill for everyone. It also heavily influences their writing ability and creativity when writing stories. Our aim is to produce children who love reading and are creative, confident writers.

Your child should be reading a wide variety of material, not just their school reading book. Their Y6 planner is evidence of anything they have read.

We would like you to spend a short time each night reading/sharing/discussing a book your child has read and then write a brief comment in their planner. Each class will also give you some key questions you could ask your child while sharing their book and you could also write their responses in the planner.

MATHS

Maths is everywhere and in everything; it is how we tell the time, ride a bike and buy the things we like. Thinking mathematically involves asking 'Why?', giving reasons for your thinking and solving everyday problems.

With this in mind, we are asking for **your help** in developing children who are positive, confident and articulate in how they communicate mathematically.

When you're at the shops, ask them to figure out the best value in the special offers; if you use public transport, let your child use the timetable; when out for a walk, try to spot different shapes and patterns in nature & their local environment.

Most importantly, be positive about maths and promote its importance and prevalence in the world around them. Basically, talk about maths and ask questions.

There are of course some key skills that require specific practice (*number bonds, times-tables etc*) and whilst we will cover much of this at school through Olympic Maths, BIG Maths & our day-to-day maths teaching; we also ask you to **practice these key skills a few times a week** with your child. Your child's teacher may also choose to send home their completed BIG Maths sheet each week for you to work with your child on specific areas that they need to improve in readiness for the following week.



INGLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Magnificent Mayans

Class 6 Information

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In our 'Magnificent Mayans' topic we will be getting better at...

Literacy

As readers & writers we will study the work of a fantastic author (Anthony Horowitz) and learning from his unique style and narrative techniques. We will also develop our writing skills by writing information texts about the Mayans.

Maths

As mathematicians we will solve problems and develop our number sense & fluency when working with number - we will also develop our understanding of shape and measure.

Design Technology

As technologists, we will be exploring how the Mayans developed chocolate and in turn, making our own chocolate projects

Art

As artists we will be developing our understanding of large scale, aerial art based on the Peruvian Nazca Lines.

Geography

As geographers we will learn about how the geography of Central America has changed since the Mayan Empire

History

As historians we will be using a variety of sources to find out about The Mayan Civilization

RE & PSHCE

As theologians we will be finding out about the values of both religious and non-religious people. In PSHCE we will discuss and explore a range of current, topical issues and reflect on how we can make a positive contribution to society.

French

As linguists, we will continue to develop our understanding and use of the French language and culture and will further develop our conversational skills

Computing

As computer scientists we will be getting better at physical coding and stop motion animation

Music

As musicians we will develop our skills through our ukulele band. We will also perform with our ukuleles.

Class 6

In addition to a rigorous approach to academic development, we will help your child to develop a 'Growth Mindset' by letting them know that it's OK to find something challenging and that hard work is what helps the brain to develop - we will always make it clear to them that mistakes are a vital part of the learning process and that with the right mindset and enough hard work and effort, **they can achieve anything.**

Science

As scientists, through investigation, we will learn about space and human biology

PE

As future Olympians, we will be improving our general fitness and developing our skills in football & general fitness.

Important things to remember:

- PE will be on a **Wednesday & Friday** afternoon this term.
- Your child should **read at home** (either independently or with an adult) **most days** for at least 10 mins - this should be recorded in their Y6 planner
- We have **ukulele lessons on a Friday afternoon** so ukuleles will be sent home on a Friday - please remember to encourage practice at home and ensure that they are brought back **every** Friday.
- **My door is always open** - if you've any questions or queries then please just contact me

Curriculum Enrichment

We will be taking part in topic based visits and experiences. In addition to this, we may even perform to the general public with our ukuleles.