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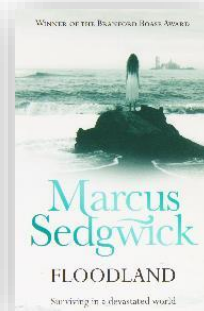
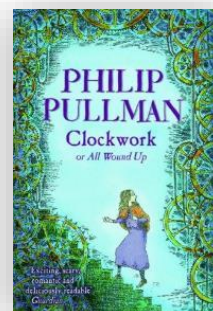
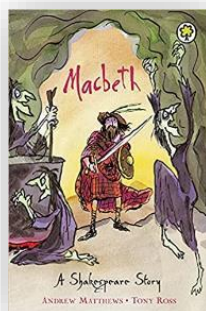
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable holiday period.

Learning

In **English** we are reading: an age-appropriate version of 'Macbeth' (by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross), 'Clockwork' (by Philip Pullman) and 'Floodland' (by Marcus Sedgwick). We will be developing the use of descriptive language, extending our range of sentence types and building toolkits to support independent writing. In **Maths** we will be having a focus on fractions. Our **Science** topics are 'Light' and 'Animals and classification'.

There are lots of fun experiments in this topic (including refraction).



This term years 2 to 6 will all be teaching a geography unit. We have redesigned our geography curriculum this year, and we will soon be able to share with you the new "Knowledge Organiser" for our unit of learning. You can read more about this in the WHPS Weekly published on 24th January. Year 6's unit is **Natural Disasters**, and will involve learning about earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes and flooding.

You can find out more about all of our school curriculum by visiting the ["Our Curriculum > Y1 to Y6 curriculum"](#) section on the new school website.

Homework

We will continue to send homework each Friday and this should be returned by Wednesday.

Homework Set	Homework Due
Friday	Wednesday

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to read for at least 15-20 minutes each day. Reading is a fundamental part of the children's development and it has a positive impact on comprehension skills, writing, maths and many other subjects. Children should complete their reading records to evidence the reading they have done and bring these to school every day where they will be checked by your child's teacher.

Uniform and PE Lessons



Make-up and jewellery, with the exception of stud ear-rings and a watch are not allowed. All children are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. PE for Year 6 will be on a Thursday. Children will need to come to school wearing a PE kit and a pair of trainers. If there is a medical reason that your child is unable to do PE please send in a signed note or contact the office.

Music

Camden Music Service will continue to provide Year 6 children with specialist music lessons each week teaching either the trumpet or the trombone **for free**. Please encourage the children to practise at home and bring their instrument to school every Wednesday.

We would like to remind you that school and learning starts at **9:00**. The gates will be open at 8:50. The school day ends at 3:30.

We look forward to continuing working with both you and your children. If you should have any general questions regarding the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact us through year6@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk

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