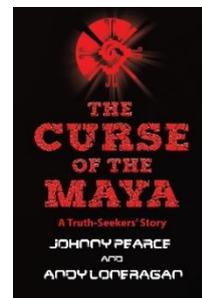
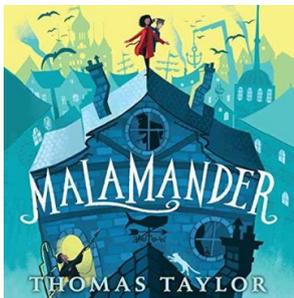


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Dear parent/carer,

Welcome to what is traditionally a very busy second Spring half term! It's lovely to start seeing the days getting longer and to feel some warmth in the sun. 😊



Our global theme this half term is **'Our World and Beyond'**, with our core texts being 'The Curse of the Maya' by Johnny Pearce and Andy Loneragan and 'Malamander' by Thomas Taylor. Much of our English work will be based on these books. There will be an Embark wide writing competition based on 'Malamander'; Thomas Taylor the author will be judging the writing and giving out prizes in many categories. We will also be looking at Inheritance and Evolution in Science and the Mayan Civilisation in History. In Art we will be looking at Mayan face masks and making some of our own. To help with this, it would be much appreciated if you could send in any old newspapers and flat corrugated cardboard that you may have spare please.



We are going to continue to work on Fractions, decimals, and percentages, and then we will be moving on to area, perimeter and volume. In addition, if you could help your child learn and revise the different units of measure eg. how many ml in a litre etc. this would be extremely helpful, many thanks.



As you are no doubt already aware, at the end of Key Stage 2, Year 6 children are required to sit the national KS2 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). They are due to take place during the week commencing Monday 12th May 2025; we will continue to work hard towards them this half term.



Please make sure your child is completing the homework set on SATs Companion each week; there will be 2-3 activities and they will be checked on a Thursday. We will also be sending home weekly spellings to learn and practice.



Please continue to hear your child read as much as possible. We do ask for a minimum of three times a week. When listening to your child read, please focus on the more advanced features of the text, such as the author's use of language and vocabulary choices and the impact this has had and ask your child to justify their response and opinion, with evidence from the text.



And of course, we are very excited to once again be undertaking our trip to PGL! This is taking place from the 30th of March to the 2nd of April. This residential trip is a highlight of the year for the pupils and the children will be taking part in a number of exciting activities, many of which they will not have encountered before. The range of activities on offer should enhance the children's confidence, teamwork and social skills and will hopefully create memories for life.

Finally, I would once again like to say a very big thank you for your continued help and support with your child's education and look forward to a busy and productive remainder of the Spring term!

Mr Burrows

Class 6 Teacher

