



# Year 6 Gorillas

We are now over half-way through the year and the Gorillas should be proud of all of the hard work, creativity and determination that they have put into all aspects of their learning. We have been lucky to have been involved in a range of creative activities over the last term, such as our cosmetic Science enrichment day, Safety in Action workshops, Safer Internet Day, cooking and even extracting DNA from a strawberry alongside students from the Folkestone School for Girls.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about how to manipulate fractions, percentages and decimals to help us to solve a wide range of problems, making sure that calculations are supported with clear workings out. As well as this, we have explored shape and measure, including finding the area and perimeter of regular shapes, composite shapes, triangles and parallelograms. The use of our daily arithmetic sessions have really helped us to continue mastering the four mathematical operations, especially when applying these to fractions.

The focus for English last term was how to write an effective explanation text, which is one of the more challenging text-types studied in Year 6. The Gorillas worked hard to develop their skills at writing in a precise, formal manner and were able to make links to their Science learning on micro-organisms to explain how mould and bacteria spread. We are looking forward to showing you examples of this in the English books when you next visit. This term, we are working on the ever-popular fiction unit - suspense stories. We are learning about how to control the pace and excitement in our writing by using a range of sentence types and advanced punctuation. The children have been determined to learn new skills, such as accurately using a semi-colon or punctuating parenthesis. We have also put a huge focus on consistently spelling accurately across all pieces of writing and have been encouraging children to check their spellings using a dictionary.

