

# Class 6 – Parent Newsletter

## Autumn 1 – 2023

For our first topic of the new academic year, we have been on a ‘scream-tastic’ learning journey thanks to Scream Ventures! We have been learning about the physics and engineering that makes rides work, and have been set challenges by an expert wanting to set up a new theme park in the UK.

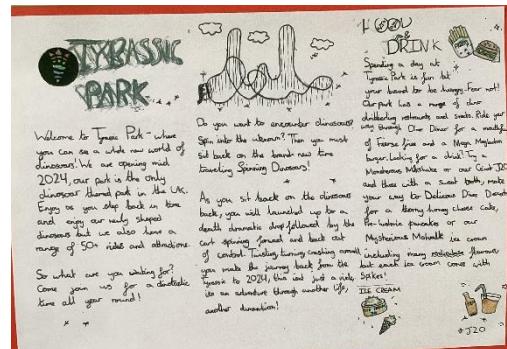
### Terrific Topic ‘WOW’

Our topic began in a thrilling way with a trip to Gulliver’s Valley. During our day at the theme park, we took a tour around, learning about the different areas and different types of rides. We learnt about the forces involved in different types of rides from staff at the park, and we had an exclusive chance to ride on some of the parks rides!



### Wonderful Writing

We began the term creating rollercoaster poetry, learning how to use onomatopoeia and alliteration. We then moved on to look at a range of non-fiction texts – using persuasive writing skills to create brochures for a theme park; instructions in the form of cupcake recipes; and finally focusing on features of formal letters as we tried our hand at writing letters of complaint.



### Groovy Guided Reading

In Guided Reading, we have been looking at features of information and explanation texts, and learning about forces with our class text *Gut Wrenching Gravity*.

We have also been exploring a range of Year 5 & 6 recommended reads to expand our independent reading.



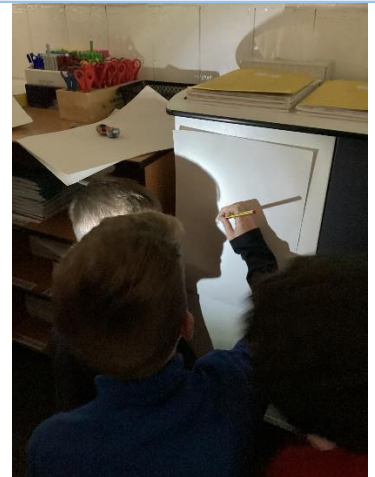
## DT – Woodworking & Baking!

We got hands-on developed skills with two exciting projects this term. Learning about measuring, mixing ingredients and following recipes, we baked cupcakes for the school bake sale. They proved very tasty and very popular with customers too! We also constructed model theme park rides, learning about how to cut and join wood and use tools such as hacksaws safely.



## Science - Light

Our Science has focused on physics this topic, investigating how light travels. How are shadows created? How does light reflecting off of objects allow us to see them? How do periscopes work?



## Geography – Map skills



In Geography we learnt about how grid references are used to locate places on a map, and used digital mapping tools such as Google Maps and Google Earth to locate cities in the UK. We thought about where would be a good place to locate a new theme park, looked at maps and plans of theme parks, and created maps to our own fictional theme parks .

## Worship

**This half term our worship theme has been Forgiveness.**

### **Maths – Place Value, Four Operations**

We have looked at addition and subtraction, how to multiply and divide by powers of ten, different methods of division, order of operations and we ended with using equivalent fractions.

Thank you for your support with learning at home this half term – we have been really impressed with Class 6s amazing attitude to homework projects, and eagerness to be reading independently. Thanks too to everyone who has joined us volunteering on excursions and in the classroom offering your skills and support!

**Miss Cargill, Mrs Adams and Miss Concar**