

"Famous Men and Women from the Past and Present"

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter

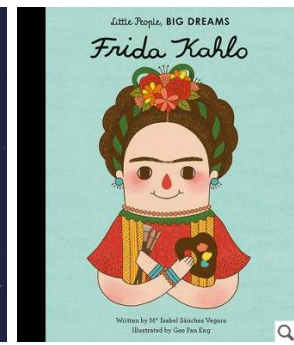
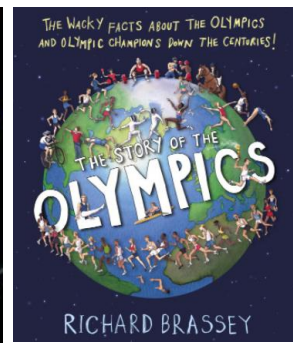
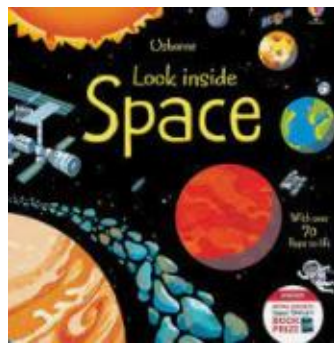
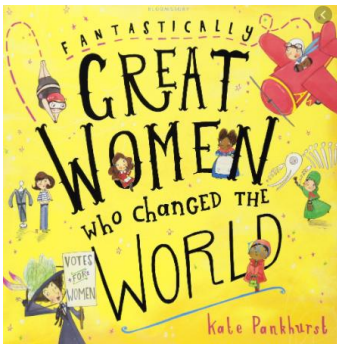
- Term 6



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term! This term we are beginning an exciting new topic- *Famous Men and Women from the past and present*. We will be using this topic to explore lots of famous people from the past and comparing them with famous people today!

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be doing in teacher focussed activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on joining our handwriting and spelling the Common Exception Words.

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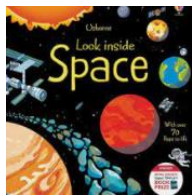
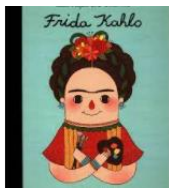
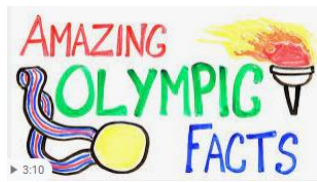





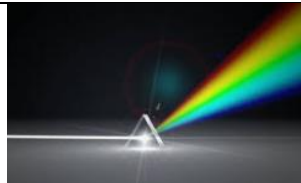












Do your children recognise any of them?

Home learning task: Pick a famous person from the past or present and write a fact file about them. There is a template attached to this letter but if you prefer you could use PowerPoint or use your own design - we look forward to learning about your chosen person. Please return these to school by the end of term.



Year 1/2 - Term 6 – Famous Men and Women from the Past and present

Literacy	Non fiction facts 	Biography writing 	Non- chronological report 
Maths	Time 	Money 	Multiplication and division 
Science		Scientific Enquiry 	
History	Moon landings 	Impact on modern life 	History of the Olympics 
Music	Famous singers from the past and present 		
ICT		Creating artwork	
PSHE		Changing me	
Art	Self portraits 		
RE	Islam 		

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please ensure it is signed and dated.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Children can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.</p>
Spellings and homework	<p>Spellings will be given out each week on a Friday, then will be tested on Thursday. - Please practise these words with your child at home in their homework book. These will then be tested in school and scores will be written in the book for you to see.</p> <p>Please ensure that books are returned to school on Thursday so the next week's spellings can be stuck in.</p>
Maths	<p>Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home. Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables. When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, Year 2 children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>MyMaths can be used at home for the children to explore and practise skills from class work whenever they choose. If you are unsure of your child's log in then please ask and we will give you another copy.</p>

Useful Websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/blue-planet-big-blue>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/yes-no-yeti?phase=4>
- <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

Questions to ask your child

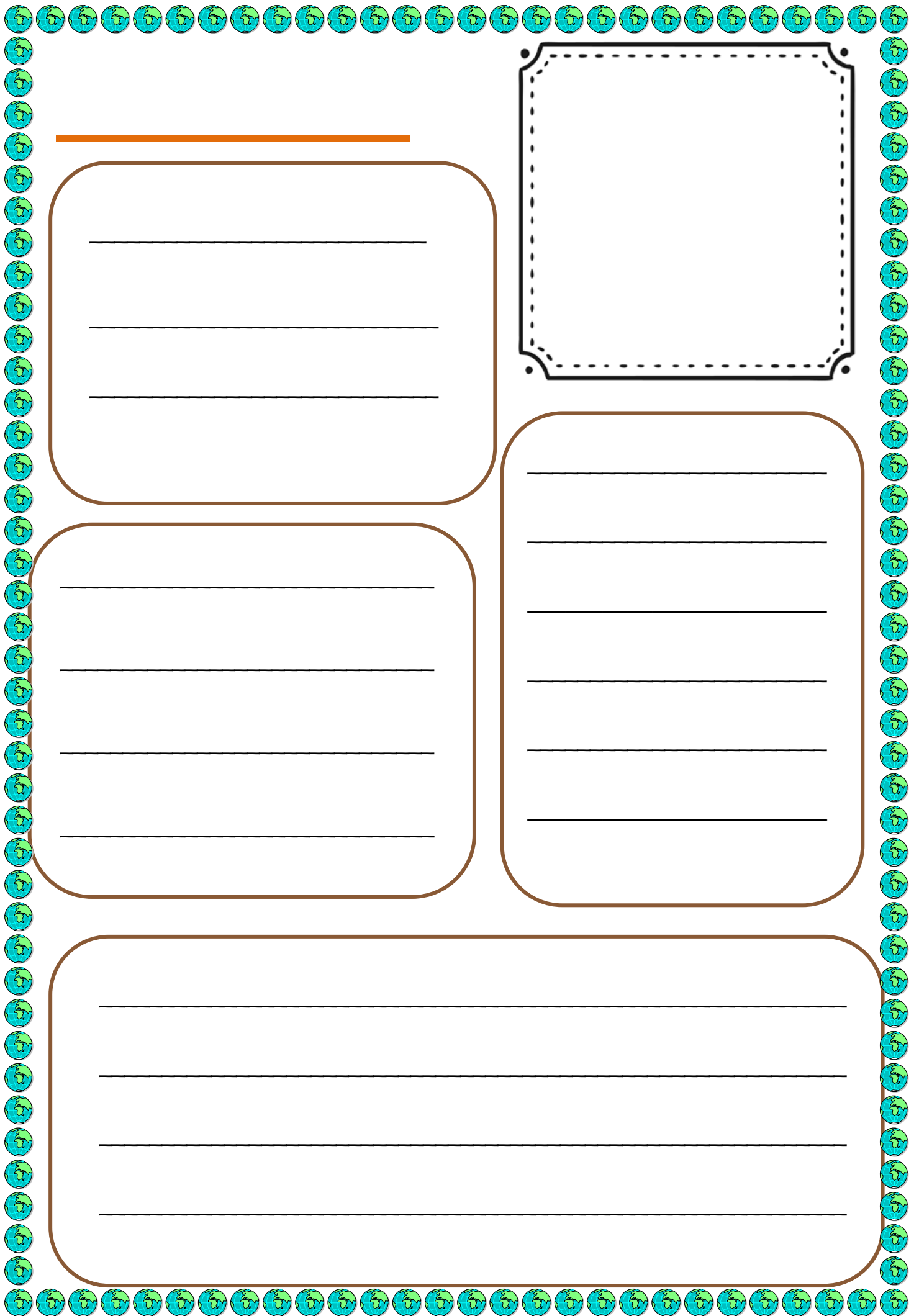
- Who are the famous people in our topic?
- Would you like to be famous? What would you be famous for?
- Look at the time periods that our famous people lived in: How are the lives of our famous people different?

Quick Reminders

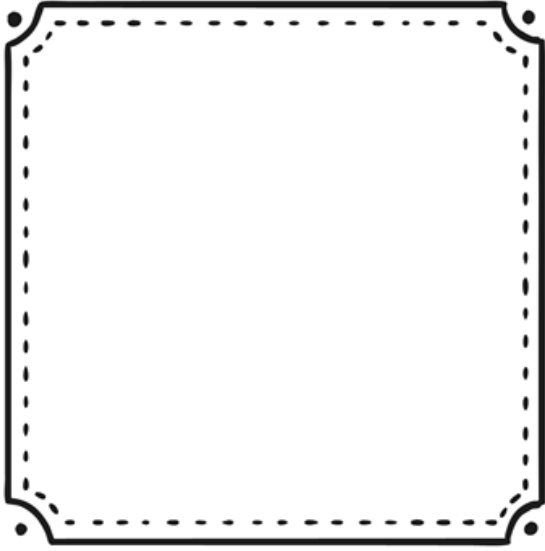
- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day.
- If the weather is unpredictable, children please ensure the children have a coat in school. The weather is currently still cold and so they will need their coats at playtime and for outdoor learning.
- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday but PE kits should be in all week.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Williams, Miss Hillier and Miss Roberts.



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