

# Year 6 Newsletter Spring term 2026

Spring term is an important one in year six, as the children prepare for the SATs in May. I like to promote this as their opportunity to shine and 'show off' what they have learnt during their time at primary school.

## TOPIC— 1st half term—Local History

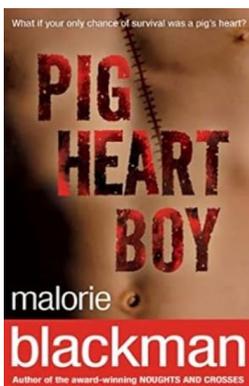
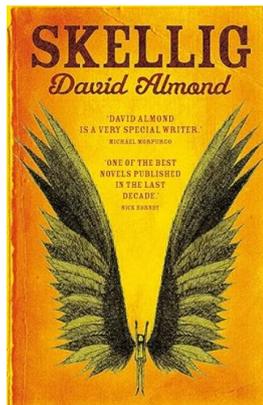
Our topic this half term is local history. We will be learning how the English Civil War impacted and shaped Colchester during 1648. We bring this to life by looking at what evidence remains to be seen today.

## TOPIC, 2nd half term—Blood Heart

After half-term our topic will be Blood Heart with a scientific focus on the circulatory system.

## Reading and writing

In school, we will be reading our class novel, *Skellig* by David Almond, which is a story about a boy who finds a mythical creature in his garage. This story will influence our writing of an atmospheric story and a discussion text.



During the second half of the term, we will be reading *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman. The children will be exploring the character's thoughts about his heart transplantation to write a dilemma narrative. Then, linking to our topic, they will be writing an explanation text entitled 'how the heart works'.

## Mathematics

Keep practising your times tables at home, in the car, or anywhere you can fit it in! Times table fluency is vital, as the maths curriculum relies on this for concepts such as percentages, decimals and written methods for multiplying and dividing larger numbers.

## First half-term homework

**Spellings**— I have given out a sheet that details the spelling list for the half term. The weekly test will be on Fridays.

**Grammar**— I will be setting a page to complete in their grammar book weekly.

**MyMaths**— homework will be set each Friday from next week.

Please encourage your child to keep up with their reading at home. Little and often is best, it really makes such a difference to both their reading and writing.

## P.E. Days

P.E. lessons during the first half term will be on Monday and Thursday.

## First half-term project

Your child can choose between our two topics. They could research Colchester's civil war or investigate how the heart works. This could be taken in any direction, a poster, model, diagram or even experiment. Just have fun.

Mrs Watson