

Welcome back, Year 6!

It has been a very busy and productive first week back. The children have all completed their baseline assessments and demonstrated excellent resilience and focus.

In English, we have been reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Children have been developing their comprehension skills and answering questions based on the chapters we have studied. We will continue to read *Wonder* in our class reader sessions over the next two weeks and then revisit the story for our writing unit later in the term. Over the next couple of weeks, we will start to develop our skills of non-fiction writing, focusing on information texts and non-chronological reports.

In Science, we have been exploring different materials, their properties and uses. Children have classified materials based on their features using Carroll diagrams and then applied their knowledge to different everyday objects. Next week, we will be conducting an investigation based on thermal insulators.

Our Project this half term is Brazil Eco Quest. Children have used 8-point compass directions and 6-point grid coordinates to find key areas on a map, as well as identifying the points of interest using OS symbols. Next week, we will explore the Amazon rainforest, concentrating on its animal inhabitants. We will get an opportunity to learn more about endangered species and use our art skills to draw and shade pictures of these animals.

I would personally like to thank the children for welcoming me to Hatfield Community Free School and I am excited to get to know them more as the weeks progress.

Have a great weekend and a well-deserved rest!

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