



# The Oryx Online Primary 13.10.23

WB 23rd Oct = Week 2

## Head of Primary - Mr. Holliday

Kevali Productions will be back in December. You can read the [EYFS](#) and [Primary](#) Letters here - accounts are now collecting payments for this show.

Please can parents of Year 2 - 6 children ensure they have completed the [BYOD use form](#).

## **STEAM Week wb 6th November**

In preparation for STEAM week, we kindly ask if you have any empty cardboard boxes, empty bottles, old newspapers and magazines or other recyclables you do not need, please send them to your class teachers. They will be put to good use.

## Head of EYFS - Mrs. Patton

### **Reminder for FS1A, FS1B, FS2C and FS2D parents -**

At pick up (1pm) please go around the back of building via the EYFS Garden. The Year 1 children are still learning at this time so access through their outdoor area will be closed.

## Just For Me

### Useful Links

[English, Maths and Science](#)

[Highlights](#)

[PE, Squads + House Teams](#)

### Arabic and Islamic

### EYFS

### Key Stage 1

(Yr 1 + 2)

### Lower Key Stage 2

(Yr 3 + 4)

### Upper Key Stage 2

(Yr 5 + 6)

## What's Coming Up?

### Coffee Mornings and Workshop Dates

[School Calendar Dates](#)

#### Monday 23rd Oct

- New Topics Start
- EYFS Dress Up day (Holidays) and Parade at 8:15am (woodland track)
- Year 3 (Stone Age) Dress Up day
- Year 5 (Space) Dress Up day

#### Tuesday 24th Oct

- Tunes on Tuesday - listen out for our live music in the morning!
- Parents Evening - No ECAs

#### Wednesday 25th Oct

- Eco Club morning litter pick in Remraam
- Parents Evening

#### Thursday 26th Oct

- Final day of Inktober outside in the morning
- Parents Evening (Zooms only) - No ECAs

#### Friday 27th Oct

- Dubai 30x30 Opening Ceremony - wear PE Kit

#### Monday 30th October

- Spelling Bee Class rounds



# The Oryx Online

## Useful Links

## Contact Details

- [admissions@southview.ae](mailto:admissions@southview.ae)
- [absence@southview.ae](mailto:absence@southview.ae)
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- [clinicgroup@southview.ae](mailto:clinicgroup@southview.ae)
- [media@southview.ae](mailto:media@southview.ae)
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Tel: 045897904

## Social Media

[Twitter](#)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Instagram](#)  
[School Website](#)

### Year 3-6 SVS Residential

Thank you to everyone who attended the online residential meetings yesterday. Please use the links below for the presentation slides if you require a reminder of any of the information that was discussed.

Year 3 Presentation: [SVS y3 Presentation.pdf](#)

Year 4-6 Presentation: [SVS y4 - y6 Presentation.pdf](#)

Residential sign-up has now opened, please check your email/Seesaw for the PDF containing information and links to register or click on the link below.

Year 3: [Year 3 Residential.pdf](#)

Year 4: [Year 4 Residential.pdf](#)

Year 5: [Year 5 Residential.pdf](#)

Year 6: [Year 6 Residential.pdf](#)

#### Important Reminders:

Please ensure children are attending school in the correct uniform with black school shoes/trainers being worn on the days when children do not have P.E.

Please ensure you call or email [absence@southview.ae](mailto:absence@southview.ae) and use the subject SICKNESS, or telephone: +971 45897904 each day, before 8.00am if your child is going to be absent due to sickness.



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# The Oryx Online PE, Swimming, Squads and House Teams 13.10.23

## PE and Swimming

### Highlight of the week: Y3 to Y6 topic assessment

The KS2 students had their topic assessment this week, to measure the progress and abilities of students in netball (girls), football (boys) and swimming (girls & boys). In PE, students had the opportunity to apply the learned skills into a formal game situation. In swimming, we analyzed the 4 strokes techniques with focus on side breathing (front crawl), backstroke body position, breaststroke and dolphin kick technique.

### Term 1B topics:

EYFS - Fundamental movements

KS1 - Strike & fielding

KS2 - Girls: Rounders & Football; Boys - Cricket & Tag rugby

With the weather cooling down we are planning to move our PE lessons to outdoors. Students must bring their school hat to be able to take part in the lesson.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

27.10.23 - Dubai fitness challenge opening ceremony - everyone in PE kit.

Dubai Fitness Challenge will take place at various locations across the city from 28 October to 26 November 2023 and SVS it's committed to #TAKETHECHALLENGE.

It's going to be a great event where students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities related with fitness-focused mindset and seek healthy, active lifestyles.

Parents are invited to join the Wake up and Shake session at 7.30am to 7.45am. Kindly avoid to use the parking spaces in front of the school to facilitate morning drop off.

In the case you need to reach out the PE department please use the email address that best suits your enquiry:

[Email lists HERE](#)

## Squads

**SOCS login:** Please check the website on the regular basis to check if your child has been selected to any fixtures and don't forget to fill in the consent for each game.

**SVS squad kit:** Students must bring their squad kit to every fixture. This items can be purchase at the school reception at the accounts counter. We are expecting the new order to arrive during half term, but we still have some sizes available.

**Highlight of the week:** SVS primary swim squad was represented at the DASSA Individual swimming gala in Hamdan Sports Complex. Congratulations to Liam and Autumn for getting 2nd and 1st place in the 25m backstroke event and to Olivia, Oscar and Gemma for improving their PB. This was a very competitive event and we are so proud of their achievements. Go Oryx!!



### Upcoming events:

23.10.23 - U8&U9 Boys A football @VHPS 4pm

23.10.23 - U8&U9 Netball A vs Brighton College @SVS 4pm

24.10.23 - Cross country meet 1 @ Dubai 7's

25.10.23 - U10&U11 Netball A team vs VHPS @ SVS 3pm

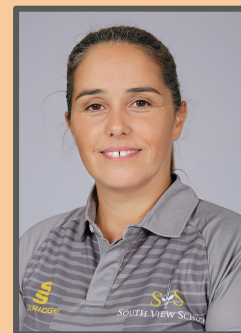
25.10.23 - U11 Netball B team @GEMS Metropole 3.15pm

25.10.23 - U10 & U11 Boys football @VHPS 4pm

If for any reason your child cannot attend the training session or a fixture, kindly, notify their Squad Coach as soon as possible.

[SQUADS Coach email lists HERE](#)

Mrs. Sonia Teodoro



Please view your Year Group page for swimming and PE days

### T1 squads (from Y3):

- Netball
- Football
- Swimming
- Cross country
- Aquathon
- Development swim squad (only Year 2)

## House Team News

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#SVSDares

Our amazing House Captains, Deputy Captains and House Ambassadors were presented with their Student Leadership badges on Thursday morning during our weekly meeting. They have been working really hard this past term, preparing Wake Up Shake Ups, collecting points, helping with events and inspiring all to have house spirit.

After half term, the Dubai Fitness Challenge will begin and this is one of the most important events for house points. There will be a big Wake Up Shake up on the morning of Friday 27th of October to open the month and we will have loads of competitions running for you all to enter over the coming weeks in celebration of this fitness month.



Miss Judy Murphy



**Terra**  
1607

**Aqua**  
1492

**Ignis**  
1518

**Aeris**  
1571





# The Oryx Online Arabic and Islamic 13.10.23



Mr Abdelhamed Kerba

*Head of Arabic  
Head of Islamic Studies*

Earlier this week, Mr. Flint wrote to families explaining the departure of Mr. Hassan and the plans of the school, moving forward.

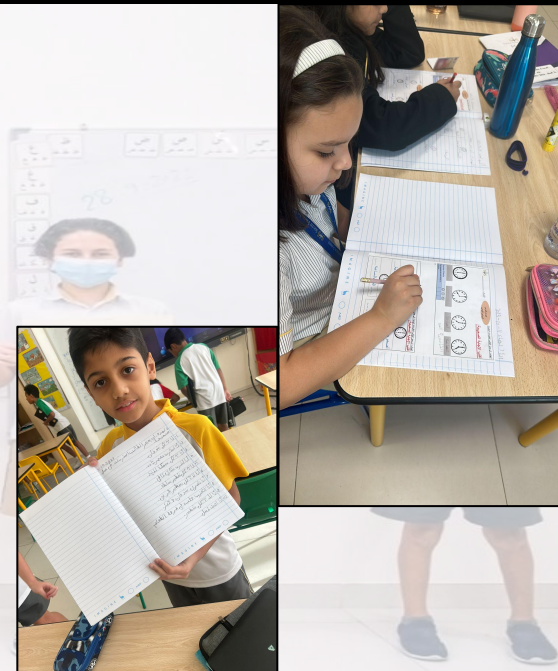
[You can read that letter here.](#)

## Mr. Kerba's Arabic Highlights

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you in good health. We are pleased to share some positive news regarding your children's progress in the Arabic language. We are delighted to inform you that your children have been actively engaging with the Arabic language curriculum and are making significant strides in their learning journey.

Furthermore, we would like to highlight that you will receive detailed information about your students' performance in "I Read Arabic" and "I Start Arabic" programs. We encourage you to motivate your children to log in and complete their assignments as this will further enhance their language skills. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us.

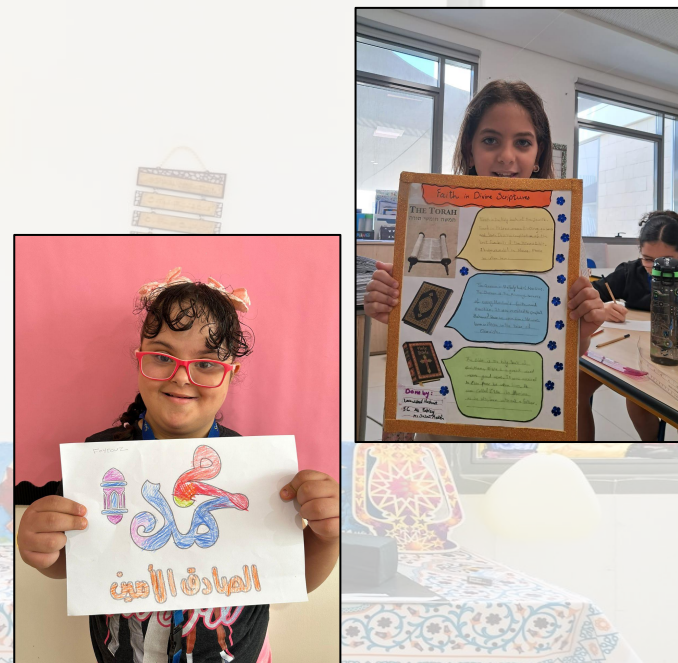


## Mr. Kerba's Islamic Highlights

Assalamu Alaikum,

We are thrilled to share with you the remarkable progress your child has made in their Islamic Studies. Their dedication and active participation in class have significantly boosted their understanding of Islamic teachings.

We commend them for their hard work and positive attitude. To further enhance their Islamic knowledge, we have introduced weekly Quran and Hadith targets, along with homework assignments. We kindly request your support in guiding your child through these tasks at home.







# The Oryx Online Lead Practitioner Corner 13.10.23



**ATOM Home Learning Support**  
<https://atomlearning.com/>

As a learning support tool we encourage all of our learners to utilise the Atom online portal. Your child has a log in for the platform from their class teacher. They have assigned curriculum tasks to complete that incorporate English, maths and science. If you are unable to complete at home there is opportunity for your child to complete in school.

**LP  
English**

**LP  
Maths**

**LP  
Science**

Throughout this week the children across the primary school have been very active in concluding many of their topics and learning from the first half term.

In science lessons, Year 1 were continuing their investigations and discussions around animals and the features of different animals. They still had lots to say after our pet visitors last week! Year 2 were checking on their plants and debating the ideal conditions needed for their seeds to grow into healthy plants. This investigation will continue over the half term break. Year 3 were using physical exercise to measure their femur bones and then see how far they could jump! Year 4 were finalising their electrical games designs to be finished after half term. Year 5 were also continuing their plant propagation and measuring their results. Finally, Year 6 created their fossils to investigate the changes in evolution and inheritance.

In maths this week, our primary parents put their critical thinking hats on in our parent workshop about supporting your child with maths at home. Year 3 have been consolidating their learning of place value by beginning to reason in greater depth using iPads. Our maths champions have been working hard communicating all about Barvember which is approaching fast being celebrated for the whole month of November. Read more about the communication that has been sent so far [here!](#)

In English this week our Reading buddies in Years 3-6 were thrilled to listen to their younger peers read their books, providing them with support whilst also developing their own communication skills. Talk for Writing has been buzzing around school, with year 2 rehearsing their story map on instructions for how to make a pirate hat! English champions have enjoyed communicating the launch of our annual Spelling Bee! Click here for more information: [Spell Bee](#)

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH  
THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT  
REEL](#)

We want our community to feel as safe, up-to-date and prepared as possible in this ever-changing digital world. Indeed, there are often brand-new apps/games etc that children use that adults have no idea about. Please create your own NOS account on the [NOS website](#). You can also download the App. NOS provide access to a wealth of resources, increasing our collective tools for safe and appropriate use of technology and the internet. NOS release guides aimed to support parents in understanding current trends and risks associated with platforms. These are accessible through the link. Here is a guide about [Top Tips for Building Cyber Resilience at Home](#). Click on the text to read it. Note:

There are lots more on the app and website! Do please sign up to get full access! 5





## FS 1



*Miss Giles*  
*Head of FS1*



### Next Topic: Around the World

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

##### **Communication, Language and Literacy:**

- To learn new vocabulary linked to stories.
- To talk about familiar books.

**PSED:** To develop a sense of community and celebrate our differences.

**Phonics:** To develop an understanding of rhyme and rhyming words.

**Maths:** To recognise and represent numbers to 3.

**UTW:** To begin to understand about different countries, through own experiences and photographs.

**EAD:** To develop their own ideas and decide upon suitable materials.

**MCPA - Art:** To use watercolour and straws to create an interesting effect.

**PE:** To negotiate space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with others, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles

**Swimming:** Baseline assessment. Check [SVS swimming program HERE](#)

#### **Miss Giles' Highlights**

*What a great first half term we have had in FS1! The children have thoroughly embraced school life!*

*We have concluded our first Talk for Writing story. The children were able to retell the story verbally and with actions.*

*In Maths this week the children have been pattern detectives, identifying and matching animal patterns, as well as looking for patterns in the environment.*

*We are very much looking forward to starting our Around the World topic after the half term break. Remember to dress in your best holiday themed outfits on Monday 23rd October.*

## FS 2



*Miss Walker*  
*Head of FS2*



### Next Topic: Me, Myself and I

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

##### **Communication, Language and Literacy:**

- To make predictions about what might happen next.
- To use new vocabulary around the classroom.

**PSED:** To develop our community identity.

**Phonics:** To say the sounds of individual letters.

**Maths:** To use positional language to describe our position in space.

**UTW:** To explore the 7 continents.

**EAD:** To explore different artistic effects.

**Music:** To listen attentively to different pieces of music.

**PE:** To negotiate space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with others, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles

**Swimming:** To kick on front with board, starting to get arms coming out and returning to board.

#### **Miss Walker's Highlights**

*It has been a very exciting first half-term in FS2. The children have truly settled into their classrooms, developed meaningful relationships and built new friendships. This week, we wrapped up our key texts, retelling our different stories. In maths, FS2 showed off what fantastic Meerkats they are, investigating and questioning when learning about one more and one less.*

*On Monday 23rd please be reminded of our holiday themed dress up day. On behalf of the FS2 team, I would like to wish you a relaxing half-term.*



**Yr 1**



*Miss Stanton*  
*Head of Yr 1*



### Next Topic: Paws, Claws and Whiskers

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

**Maths:** To identify 2D and 3D shapes..

**Reading:** To identify Set 2 sounds.

**Writing:** To form a sentence using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

**Science:** To identify animals based on their diets.

**MCPA: Music:** To name a variety of instruments. **Drama :** To maintain attention and participate in conversations.

**PE:** To hold a racket or a bat to correctly to hit a ball.

**Swimming:** To kick on front with board, starting to get arms coming out and returning to board. Due to DFC opening ceremony Friday, 27th of October 1A, 1B & 1E swimming lesson will be cancel.

**Arabic:** To Identify the shape of the letters.

### **Miss Stanton's Highlights**

*We are extremely proud of how the children have settled into their first half term in Year 1. We have already seen such growth in them academically, socially and emotionally.*

*This week the children created their own invitations for our Tea Party which all the children enjoyed today. We also marked World Mental Health Day with a special assembly from Mrs Williams and Ms Sarah.*

*On behalf of the Year 1 Team we wish you a lovely mid term break and look forward to seeing you on 23rd October.*

**Yr 2**



*Miss Dye*  
*Head of Yr 2*



### Next Topic: Scented Garden

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

**Maths:** Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

**Reading:** To make inferences based on a text..

**Writing:** To make a prediction.

**Science:** To identify basic human needs for survival.

**MSC:** To explore our community.

**MCPA: Music:** To understand how to change tempo and dynamics using an instrument.

**Drama :** To express interpretations of texts and communicate ideas and opinions.

**PE:** To hold a racket or a bat to correctly to hit a ball.

**Swimming:** To kick on front with board, starting to get arms coming out and returning to board.

**Arabic A:** أن يميز الطالب بين الأصوات الطويلة والقصيرة لحرف الحاء

**Arabic B:** to use the new vocabularies in short sentences

**Islamic:** To explain the general meaning of Surat Al Ikhlas

**Tuesday 24th October - #twofortuesday.** Please provide an extra snack and we will place it in the SVS fridge for the community workers to take. We ask for snacks that are easy to eat immediately and not food that needs to be cooked. Thank you for your support.

### **Miss Dye's Highlights**

*In Year 2, we had an incredibly exciting week, and our favorite part was undoubtedly our thrilling pirate trip to the beach. We not only learned about the importance of staying safe in the water but also had a blast building towering sandcastles that could rival any fortress. As if that wasn't exciting enough, we even managed to uncover hidden treasures in the sea. Next week, we await a well-deserved break for the upcoming half term, ready to recharge and embark on new adventures when we return.*



**Yr 3**



*Mr. Vatvani*  
*Head of Yr 3*



### Next Topic: Tribal Tales Part 1

### Mr Vatvani's Highlights

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

**Maths:** To add and subtract 10s.

**Reading:** To make predictions about a text.

**Writing:** To identify and explore the key features of a story

**Science:** To compare different types of rocks based on their appearance.

**MSC:** To identify natural resources in the UAE.

**MCPA: Music:** To understand how to play an African drum correctly. **Drama:** To experiment with a range of vocabulary.

**PE Boys: Cricket and PE Girls: Rounders** - To understand and develop throwing and catching when fielding.

**Swimming:** To swim full front crawl, kicking with and over arm recovery, breathing to the side.

**Arabic A:** قصة خوييد والبطاطا: أن يحلل الطالب القصة إلى عناصرها الفنية .

**Arabic B:** To different adjectives and structures in sentences.

**Islamic:** To memorize the noble Hadith and explain the general meaning.

**MFL:** To learn about the Spanish alphabet.

*I would like to extend a massive congratulations to the whole of year 3 for a successful completion of our first half-term! This week has been busy as ever as we finished off our work on the topic of Predators with a big write on an information text about animals. We also consolidated our learning about place value with some fun and practical maths lessons. In Science we delved into our first experiment by observing whether the length of the femur affects a person's ability to jump. The Predators topic has been thoroughly enriching and we are proud of what we have learnt. We now switch our focus to our new topic: Tribal Tales, starting with a themed Stone Age Day on Monday 23rd October! Wishing you all a restful and wholesome mid term break!*

**Yr 4**



*Mr. Didcott*  
*Head of Yr 4*



### Next Topic: Burps, Bottoms and Bile

### Mr Didcott's Highlights

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

**Maths:** To subtract numbers using different methods.

**Reading:** To ask questions to improve my understanding of texts.

**Writing:** To spot the key features of persuasive texts.

**Science:** To identify and describe the basic functions of the human digestive system.

**MSC:** To understand how to take care of things and people around me.

**MCPA: Music:** To understand the features of Samba music. **Drama :** To use drama to explore a character's inner and outer feelings.

**PE Boys: Cricket and PE Girls: Rounders** - To understand and develop throwing and catching when fielding.

**Swimming:** To swim full front crawl, kicking with and over arm recovery, breathing to the side.

**Arabic A:** قصة غابة العجائب: أن يحلل المتعلم القصة إلى عناصرها الفنية .

**Arabic B:** To distinguish the tableware using possessive adjective (Mine)

**Islamic:** To explain the roles of prayers.

**MFL:** To greet someone in Spanish.

*A big well done to all of the children on what has been a very successful first half-half term to the academic year. In maths, we have been recapping and extending our knowledge of addition and subtractions, concentrating on the column method for addition. In writing, we have carried out our 'hot write' and been busy writing and improving our work using Book Creator online. In science, we have been continuing to carry out investigations into conductors and insulators, and creating our own games that feature electrical components as part of the gameplay. I wish you all an enjoyable and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all on our return.*



**Yr 5**



*Mrs Barlow*  
*Head of Yr 5*



### Next Topic: Star Gazers

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

- Maths:** To identify common multiples and common factors.
- Reading:** To use our prediction skills when looking at a book cover and blurb.
- Writing:** To explore and identify the key features of a non-fiction text.
- Science:** To explore and describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.
- MSC:** To understand the importance of being healthy in body and mind.
- MCPA Art:** To use colour and silhouette for effect.
- PE Boys: Cricket and PE Girls: Rounders** - To understand and develop throwing and catching when fielding.
- Swimming:** To swim front crawl, kicking with over arm recovery, breathing to the side.
- Arabic A:** قصة سقف الأحلام: أن يحلل المتعلم القصة إلى عناصرها الفنية.
- Arabic B:** To use ( This is, Adjectives ) with the new words to write correct sentences.
- Islamic:** To explain the importance of Prayer.
- MFL:** To recognise and say the names of the Solar System.

### **Mrs. Barlow's Highlights**

*This week has been a lovely end to the first half term. The year 5 students have been busy completing their hot write assessment in English and have enjoyed reading more of the class text - A Cross on the Door. We have finished our Maths unit of addition and subtraction, using the skills to solve multi step worded problems.*

*In Science we have completed our end of unit assessment finalising our Living things and their habitats topic.*

*I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing half term break ready for a busy term 1.B upon return, starting with parent-teacher meetings in the first week back.*

**PLEASE NOTE** that Monday 23rd October is our Space Themed Dress Up Day!!

**Yr 6**



*Mr Webster*  
*Head of Yr 6*



### Next Topic: ID

#### **Overview of Next Week's Learning:**

- Maths:** To find equivalent fractions and to order and compare fractions.
- Reading:** To make predictions to develop my understanding of a text.
- Writing:** To write a Diary Entry (Cold Write)
- Science:** To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind.
- MSC:** To explore ancient civilisations.
- MCPA Art:** To use colour and pattern to create a unique self portrait.
- Digital Literacy:** To identify what is safe to share online.
- PE Boys: Cricket and PE Girls: Rounders** - To understand and develop throwing and catching when fielding.
- Swimming:** To swim front crawl, kicking with over arm recovery, breathing to the side.
- Arabic A:** صوت المحبة: أن يحدد المتعلم أحداث البداية والوسط والنهاية
- Arabic B:** To make sentences and short paragraph with the new words using appropriate writing format
- Islamic:** To explain the manner of prophet Mohammed in inviting people to Islam.
- MFL:** To identify school supplies using articles.

### **Mr Webster's Highlights**

*Well done Year 6 on completing a busy first half term.*

*In Science, many of the students have continued their investigation into fossils by creating their own fossils.*

*In Maths, we have continued to consolidate our knowledge of the four operations and learned about the order of operations.*

*In Writing, we complete our suspense story Hot Write before moving onto writing a setting description.*

*We will have a busy couple of weeks when we return after the half-term break with Parents Evenings, Year 6 to 7 transition morning and our Escape Room trip.*