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Dear parents/carers,

Hello! Welcome to the Spring 1 Term Year Six newsletter.

We will begin the half term writing a narrative about our time at Ghyll Head/Go Ape. Then, for the rest of this half term, we are focusing on the continent, South America. We have combined our English and Geography learning and will be producing a non-chronological report all about South America. Within this, we will revisit our knowledge of rivers, look at the Andes and explore the Amazon Jungle. You can learn more about South America below:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp9sydm#zi9mtrd>


<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/>

In maths, we are focusing on fractions before moving onto calculating percentages towards the end of the half term. It is important that your child is practising their key maths skills as we are approaching SATs.



In D.T, we will be creating a product for our client, Ghyll Head. They have asked us to design a product that encompasses all the equipment (compasses, GPS trackers, sunglasses) they need when they are out exploring. Our job will be to create a virtual model of a multi-functional electronic tool to pitch to our client. We will be using our computing skills, designing skills, evaluating skills as well as presenting skills in order to meet the client brief. Whilst making our designs, we will also be thinking about the sustainability of our products as our recent research into the impact around deforestation in the Amazon, has inspired us to think about what we can do to help protect the environment.

We also encourage the children to participate in some homework learning activities. These range from online resources to projects that you can complete with your child as a family.

Reading	Read at home 3x a week with your child
Maths	https://trockstars.com/ https://mathsframe.co.uk/
Spelling	https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/
SATs practice	https://www.yearsix.co.uk/ - logins to be provided later this half term
Curriculum learning challenge	<p>Design and create a model of the Amazon Rainforest. You may want to include: the different layers of the rainforest, the animals within the rainforest, the river etc.</p> <p>If being creative isn't your thing, you could create a poster or presentation exploring the rainforest in further detail. These will be worth golden tickets!</p> 

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 team