Weekly Learning Framework Unit Six, Part A - Year 6





- = Please post this item on Google Classroom
- = There is a video related to this activity in Google Classroom
- Please attend the Zoom meeting
 - = Make sure you watch the YouTube link

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Learning environment checklist

In	setting	up	this	space	the	following	should
b	e consid	ere	d:				

- Is the area free of distraction?
- Is there excessive noise in the area?
- Are there trip hazards in the area?
- Is the area exposed to direct glare or reflections?
- Does the area have sufficient power points available?
- Is equipment (extension cords etc.) in good, safe, working condition?
 - Is there a proper desk and chair and other necessary equipment (light, stationery and devices)?
- Is the chair adjusted correctly?
 - Feet should be flat on the floor and knees bent at right angles with thighs parallel to the floor.
 - The chair backrest should support the lower back and allow your child to sit upright.
 - The chair should move freely and not be restricted by hazards such as mats and power cords.
 - Chair arm rests should be removed or lowered when typing.

Is the computer adjusted correctly?

- The screen should be positioned directly in front of your child.
- The screen should be at a distance where your child can see clearly and easily without straining. The top of the screen should be slightly lower than eye level.
- The keyboard should be positioned at a distance where elbows are close to your child's body and their shoulders should be relaxed.
- The mouse should be placed directly next to the keyboard.

Are their most frequently used items within easy reach from a seated position?







Unit 6 (A)	Wednesday 8/9/21	Thursday 9/9/21	Friday 10/9/21	Monday 13/9/21	Tuesday 14/9/21
Morning	 English Spelling: <ity> <ety></ety></ity> Complete spelling worksheet provided. Write 10 words that contain the specific sound focuses. (30 minutes) Brain Break – Take a deep breath in. Then, blow out slowly, while moving your head, to draw the letters of your name in the air with your breath. Reading: Login to the online reading program Reading Eggs. Complete two Reading Eggspress activities. (30 minutes) Writing: Journal – Write your journal entry for today. (10 minutes) 	EnglishGrammar: Modal VerbsComplete the grammar activity provided.Write 10 words that contain the specific sound focuses.(30 minutes)Brain Break – Stand up straight and reach your arms above your head, stretching as high as they can go. Then bend over and touch your lows, reaching as low as you can. Repeat this movement 5 times.Writing: Journal – Write your journal entry for today.(10 minutes)Informative Writing: Domplete the planning work provided.(30 minutes)	 English Spelling: Revise <ity> <ety></ety></ity> Complete two spelling activities provided in the spelling activity grid. Write 10 words that contain the specific sound focuses. (30 minutes) Brain Break – Lazy 8 breathing. Place your finger in the palm of your opposite hand. Draw the number 8 on your hand repeatedly. Take deep breaths in and out with each 8 you create. Reading: Login to the online reading program Reading Eggs. Complete two Reading Eggspress activities. (30 minutes) Writing: Journal – Write your journal entry for today. (10 minutes) 	EnglishSpelling:Revise <ity> <ety>Complete two spelling activities provided in the spelling activity grid.Write 10 words that contain the specific sound focuses.(30 minutes)Brain Break – BURPEES! Get up and complete 10 burpees.Writing:Journal – Write your journal entry for today.(10 minutes)Informative:Use your planning from Thursday to write/create an information report on the family member you researched.(30 minutes)</ety></ity>	English Spelling: Look, cover, write, check your spelling list for the week. Get a family member to test you on 5 of your words, in sentences. Review the sentences and mark your work (15 minutes) Reading: Login to the online reading program Reading Eggs. Complete two Reading Eggspress activities. (30 minutes) Brain Break – Crab walk to the left around the room 5 times. Writing: Journal – Write your journal entry for today. (10 minutes) Informative: Finalise and edit your information report. Upload to Google Classroom. (15 minutes)
Break					

Middle	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	11.30am: Year 6	<u>Mathematics</u>
	Mathletics: Complete 2 set Mathletics tasks	Mathletics: Complete 2 set Mathletics tasks	Mathletics: Complete 2 set Mathletics tasks	Zoom meeting. Bring something that you are proud of achieving.***	Mathletics: Complete 2 set Mathletics tasks
	(25 minutes)	(25 minutes)	(25 minutes)	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/	(25 minutes)
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	task for today.	task for today.	task for today.	<u>Mathematics</u>	task for today.
	(3 minutes)	(3 minutes)	(3 minutes)	Mathletics: Complete 2 set	(3 minutes)
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	(student choice) and complete	(student choice) and complete	(student choice) and complete	Times tables: Revise 3 times tables	(student choice) and complete
	the daily number of the day.	the daily number of the day.	the daily number of the day.	(2 minutes)	the daily number of the day.
	(5 minutes)	(5 minutes)	(5 minutes)	Problem A Day: Complete the	(5 minutes)
	TENS: Make a Buck	TENS: Make a Buck	TENS: Make a Buck	task for today.	TENS: Make a Buck
	(15 minutes)	(15 minutes)	(15 minutes)	(3 minutes)	(15 minutes)
	Brain Break: Scissors, paper, rock. Challenge someone to a	Brain Break: Body percussion. Use your body to make music	Brain Break: Ground yourself. Go outside, stand barefoot on	Number A Day: Log on to	Brain Break: Star Jumps. Do 3 star jumps in every room of
	'best of 3'	for 5 minutes.	the lawn in silence for 2 mins.	number of the day https://mathsstarters.net/numof	your house!
	Money:	Money:	Money:	theday 3, 4, 5 or 6 digit number (student choice) and complete	Money:
	Complete the set	Complete the set		the daily number of the day.	Complete the set
	activity on money.	activity on money.	activity on money.	(5 minutes)	activity on money.
	(20 minutes)	(20 minutes)	(20 minutes)	TENS: Make a Buck	(20 minutes)
				(15 minutes)	

Break					
Afternoon	Drop everything and read for 10 minutes. Choose any book you would like, read for fun.	Drop everything and read for 10 minutes. Choose any book you would like, read for fun	Drop everything and read for 10 minutes. Choose any book you would like, read for fun.	Drop everything and read for 15 minutes. Choose any book you would like, read for fun.	Drop everything and read for 10 minutes. Choose any book you would like, read for fun.
	Sport Create an obstacle course in your back yard. (30 minutes) Join Miss Fry for a yoga lesson Image: https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/61426399274?pwd=N2RjSzJPVHR OaUJPMjRaSTIWQXBjdz09 Meeting ID: 614 2639 9274 Passcode: 596743 (30 minutes)	Science: Light Shows Watch the video and complete the task provided. (45 minutes) Watch this video and record at least 3 relevant points. https://www.abc.net.au/btn/class sroom/sir-douglas-mawson-science-legends/13500018 (15 minutes)	Creative Arts Watch this video and complete the artwork. Be sure to use lots of colour when decorating. https://www.youtube.com/watc h?v=1feWYkWsHEM (45 minutes) Watch this video and record at least 3 relevant points. https://www.abc.net.au/btn/class sroom/robot- revolution/13494772 (15 minutes)	PDHPE: Internet Safety Complete the worksheet provided. (40 minutes) Watch this video and record at least 3 relevant points. https://www.abc.net.au/btn/feat ures/upsetting-news/10500572 (15 minutes)	History: Gold Read the information provided and complete the worksheet. (20 minutes) Join our afternoon assembly https://nsweducation.zoom.us /j/65430515008?pwd=VGZYSkl xZkpQaUI3dEZXTzIIM3FQZz09 Passcode: cgps Webinar ID: 654 3051 5008 (30 minutes)

<u>Weekly Recording</u> - Spelling words and grid, Journal Entries, Reading Eggspress, Brain Breaks, Mathletics, Times tables, Problem-A-Day, Number of the Day, TEN and VIPs

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday

Write your spelling words out each day

Activity		Teacher Recognition
Spells words correctly each day		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday
Deep breathing	Stand and stretch	Lazy 8 breathing	Burpees	Crab walk
Scissors, paper rock	Body percussion	Ground yourself		Star Jumps

Activity		Teacher Recognition
	Completes daily Brain Break activities	

Reading Eggspress Completion Record

Day	Quizzes/Activities Completed
Wednesday	
Friday	
Tuesday	

Activity		Teacher Recognition
	Completes Reading and Comprehension Quizzes and Activities in Reading Eggs	

Spelling Grid Highlight 2 activities you have completed on Friday.

Use this grid and a different coloured highlighter to record the 2 activities you completed on Monday.

	completed on Mon	uuy.
Spelling	Find-a-word	Picture Words
practise and	Make a find-a-word using 10 of your	Write 5 words and draw a picture or
patterns	words. List the words to find. Ask your	diagram for each one.
	teacher for a piece of grid paper.	
	Rainbow Syllables	Mini Words
	Write or type 10 words using a different colour for each syllable.	Find 10 mini words (words in words) within your spelling list
	Synonyms	Word Building
	Write synonyms (similar meaning) for 5	Find the base word of 5 of your words.
	of your words. Use a dictionary or	Add prefixes or suffixes to make as many
	thesaurus to help you	words as you can for each one.
Meanings	Dictionary Meanings	Acrostic Poem
	Find dictionary meanings for at least 5 of	Create an acrostic poem for 3 of your
	your words. Write them neatly into your	spelling words.
	homework book.	
	Etymology	Antonyms
	Use a dictionary to find out the language	Write antonyms (opposites) for 5 of your
	the 5 of your words come from.	words. Use a dictionary or thesaurus to help you.
Using your	Sentences	Dictation
words	Use at least 5 of your words in interesting	Write a dictation passage using all of your
	sentences.	words.
	Missing Words	Parts of Speech
	Put 10 words in a cloze exercise. Leave a	Put your words into grammatical
	line for each missing word. List the	categories e.g. nouns, verbs, adjectives,
	missing words	adverbs
Taking Charge/	Your Activity	Quiz Me
Self-evaluation	Create a new spelling activity of your	Choose 5 words from the spelling list and
	own. Write the instructions down.	write them on cards to blutac around the house. Have people quiz you on them

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Completes at least 4 spelling activities	

Revising 3 x Tables

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday
3 x 1 =				
Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:

Activ	ity	Teacher Recognition
	Recalls 3 x tables correctly each day	

Mathletics

Day	Set activities	Bonus
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Monday		
Tuesday		

Activ	ity	Teacher Recognition
	Completes set Mathletics Tasks	

TEN

Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday

Activit	ty	Teacher Recognition
	Engages in daily TEN activity	

Journal Entries

Day	Entry
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Monday	
Tuesday	

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Completes daily journal entries.	

Number of the Day Answers

Wednesday	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
	7.
	8.
	9.
	10.
Thursday	1.
-	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
	7.
	8.
	9.
	10.
Monday	1.
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	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
	7.
	8.
	9.
	10.
	1.
Tuesday	2.
Tuesuay	3.
	4.
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	7.
	8.
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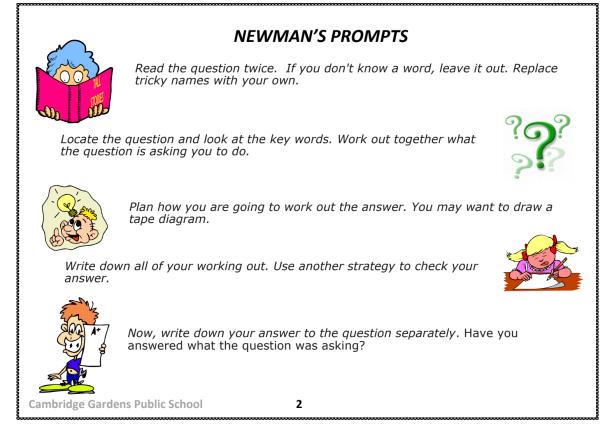
Activ	ity	Teacher Recognition
	Completes the Number Of The Day and marks their own answers.	

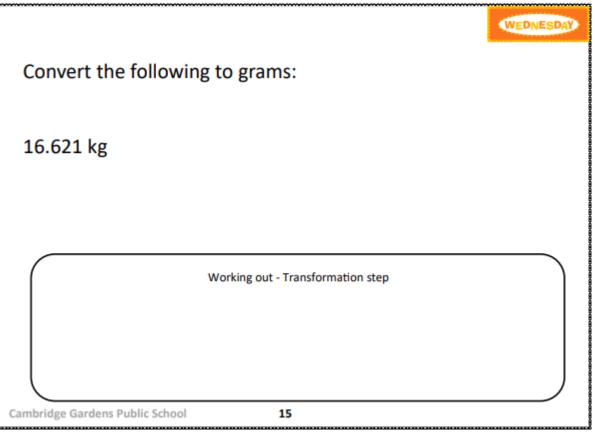
Digital Media: Relevant Points

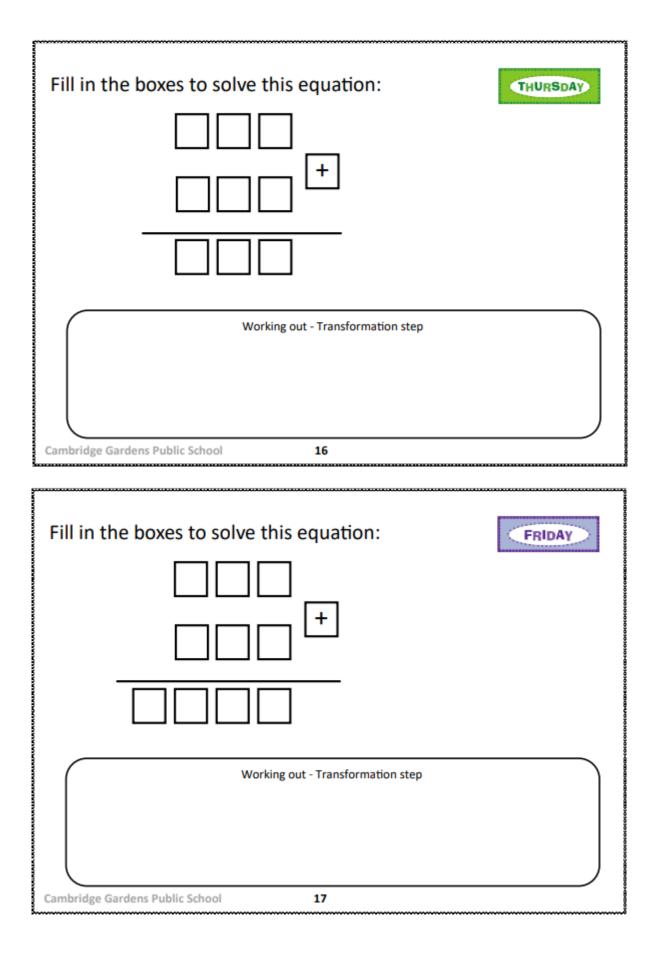
Day	VIP's
Thursday	
Friday	
Monday	

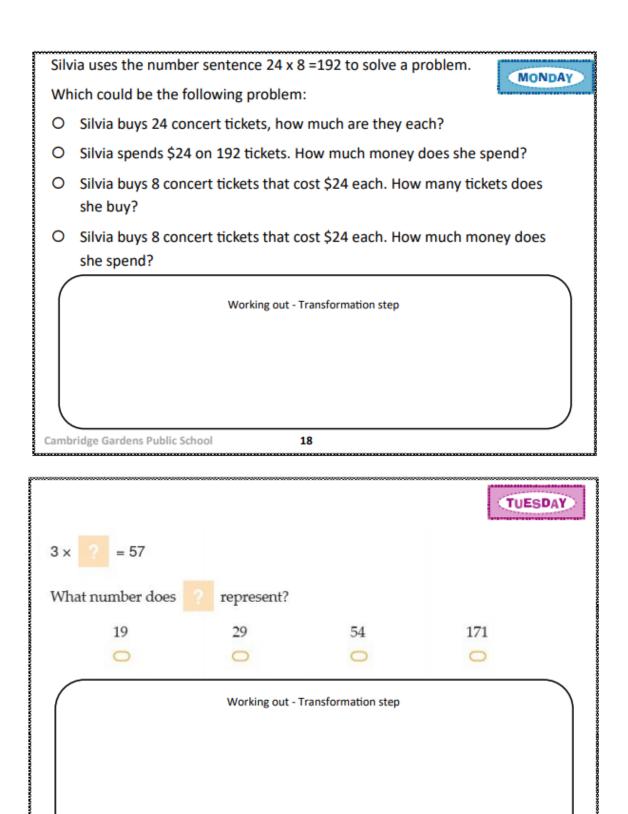
Activity		Teacher Recognition
	Summarise and records information from digital media	

Problem-A-Day





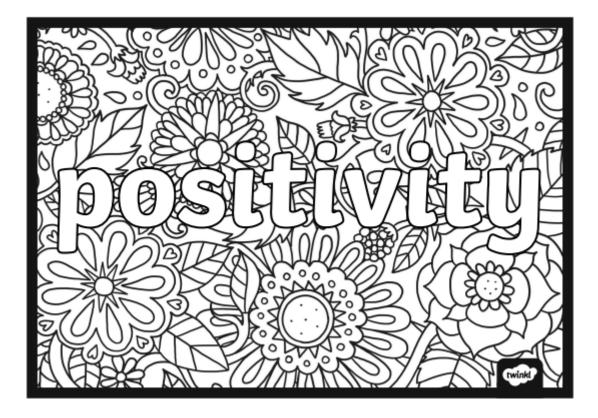




Activity		Teacher Recognition
	Completes daily Problem-a-Day activities.	

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Wednesday 8.9.21



Student

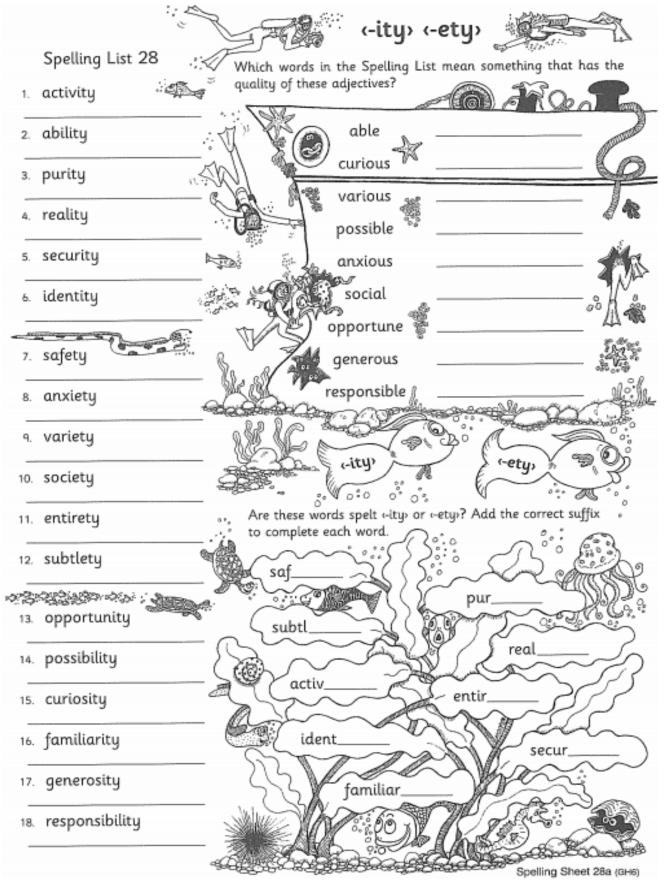
I have completed my work to the best of my ability

Name :

Parent/Carer

I am happy with the quality and amount of work my child has done today

Name:



Activity	Teacher Recognition
Completes spelling task	

Money – check your change

Check the change the shopkeeper has given you. Are you happy to walk out of the shop with that change or do you need to go back and inform her of a mistake?

You buy	Үоц рау	Your change	'Thanks for my change!' or 'Excuse me!'
\$3.70			
\$4.75		100 100	
\$1.35	2	20 20 20	
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\$2.95		<u></u>	

You buy	Үоц рау	Your change	'Thanks for my change!' or 'Excuse me!'
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\$2.75	5		

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Completes work involving money.	

<u>Sport</u>

Activity 1: Join Miss Fry and the rest of the community for some Yoga!

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Meeting ID: 614 2639 9274

Passcode: 596743

Activity 2: Obstacle Course Time!

Find any equipment you have available and set up an obstacle course in your yard. Take a video or a picture and upload to Google Classroom so we can all see your creations!

Have a few attempts at completing your obstacle course. Did you improve?





Activity	Teacher Recognition
Uses equipment to set up and complete obstacle course	
Accesses Zoom and participates in Yoga	

Thursday 9.9.21



Student

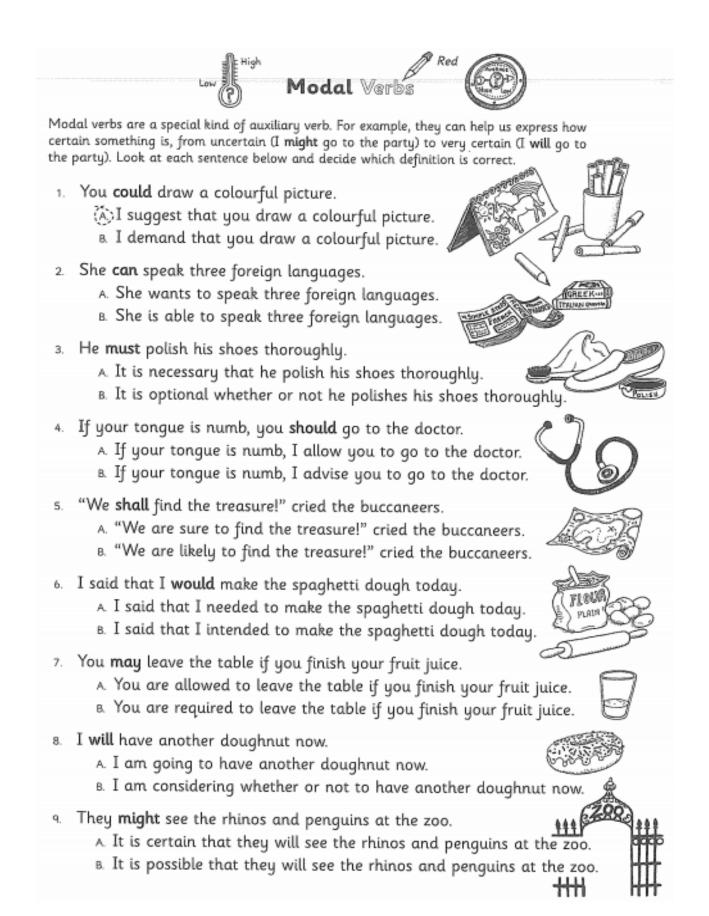
I have completed my work to the best of my ability

Name :

Parent/Carer

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Name:



Activity	Teacher Recognition
Completes grammar task on modal verbs.	

Informative Writing

Aim: To create an information report on a family member and present the report using multi-media

Today you will need to gather some information about a family member so you can work towards producing a report about that person by the end of this booklet.

Also, consider how you will present all the information... Will you create a poster, will there be images, will you present in PowerPoint, will you write a script and record yourself like a news report. The possibilities are endless... This will be part of your planning for writing phase.

Full Name	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Residence (where they live)	
Hobbies	
Favourite TV show/Movie	
Favourite food and drinks	
Greatest achievement	
Other information (Here you can	
record any information that is	
interesting or humorous!	
Remember you want to keep your	
audience engaged!)	

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Gathers information for producing an	
informative piece of text.	



You are being asked to use a budget to plan a Stage 3 camp.

There are two location options. Each option includes a variety of activities and food choices at different costs. Each student will need one food package for each of their meals and four different activities.

There is a budget limit of \$70 per student for the entire camp. You do not have to spend all of the budget, as long as you meet the camp requirements.



Option # 1 = Camp Twinkl Lake				
Activities		Food Packages		
Activity	Cost	Package for 2 days	Cost	
accommodation = tent	1 night = \$10 per person	Breakfast #1 (toast, cereal, fruit, juice)	\$5 per person	
canoeing	\$5 per person	Breakfast #2	£0	
bike ride	\$2 per person	(pancakes, bacon, eggs, juice)	\$9 per person	
swimming	\$0 per person	Lunch #1	\$5 per person	
mini-golf	\$1 per person	(sandwiches, fruit, cordial)		
orientation	\$0 per person	Lunch #2	* 0	
trampolining	\$2 per person	(hot dogs, wraps, cordial)	\$8 per person	
rock wall climbing	\$6 per person	Dinner #1 (spaghetti, sausages, vegetables)	\$6 per person	
team games	\$3 per person	Dinner #2	2 days =	
stand-up paddle boarding	\$7 per person	(schnitzel, vegetables, tacos)	2 days = \$9 per person	

Option # 2 = Camp Twinkl Wilderness				
Activi	ties	Food Packages		
Activity Cost		Package for 2 Days	Cost	
accommodation = cabin	1 night = \$18 per person	Breakfast #1 (toast, cereal, fruit, juice)	\$5 per person	
abseiling bushwalking	\$6 per person \$0 per person	Breakfast #2 (baked beans and spaghetti on toast)	\$7 per person	
archery low rope course	\$7 per person \$5 per person	Lunch #1 (wraps/rolls, cordial)	\$6 per person	
flying fox	\$8 per person	Lunch #2 (hamburgers, cordial)	\$8 per person	
horse riding campfire cooking	\$9 per person \$3 per person	Dinner #1 (roast meat, sausages, vegetables)	\$8 per person	
bush craft	\$0 per person	Dinner #2	\$10 per	
bush hut building	\$0 per person	(lasagne, casserole, vegetables, garlic bread)	person	

Use the information provided in the tables to organise a 2 day and 2 night camp for \$70 or less. Use this page to show your working out and make sure you answer the following questions.

- Which option of camp did you select?
- How much will it cost for the 2 night accommodation?
- Which 4 activities are the students participating in?
- What is the cost of the 4 activities?
- Which food packages have been chosen for breakfast, lunch and dinner for both days?
- What is the cost of the food?
- What is the total cost of the camp?

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Uses knowledge of money to budget	

Science: Light Shows

******Answer these questions **BEFORE** you watch the video in Google Classroom. ******

- 1. What do you know about transparent materials?
- 2. Are you always able to see clearly through transparent materials? Why/why not? _____

* Now you can watch the video in Google Classroom. Set up the experiment for yourself (if you can) and complete the activities below.

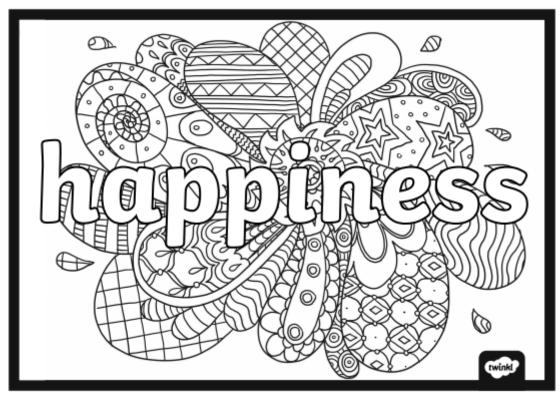
Record and label your observations below.

Observation of pencil and cup WITHOUT water	Observation of pencil and cup ¾ full of water

- 1. What happened when you viewed the pencil directly behind the container?
- 2. Can you list some other objects that magnify?_____
- 3. What happened when you viewed the pencil through the curved edge of the container?
- 4. Why do you think that happened? (Hint: Use your knowledge about light and how it travels to answer this question.)

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Conducts a simple experiment and makes logical	
conclusions from the results.	

Friday 10.9.21



Student

I have completed my work to the best of my ability

Name :

Parent/Carer

I am happy with the quality and amount of work my child has done today

Name:



Let's Go Shopping!

Use the items on the next page and their prices to complete a shopping list of things you would like to buy.

Add the cost of the items and find the grand total amount. Follow the examples given.

Item	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Chocolate cake	\$4.50	1	\$4.50
Bread rolls	\$2.00	2	\$4.00
			Grand Total:

Challenge:

Imagine you only have \$30 to spend. What can you buy with your \$30?

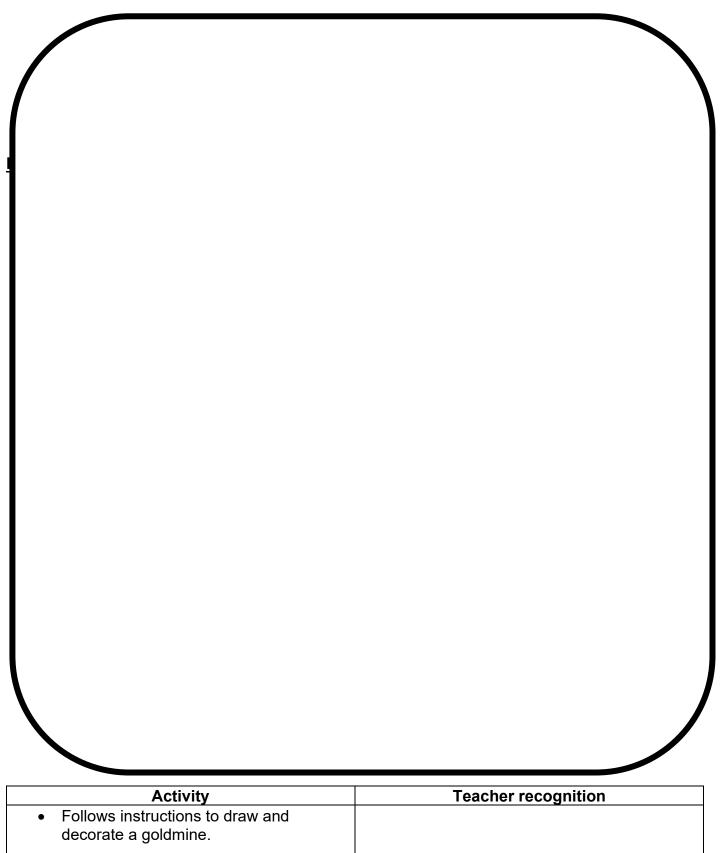


Activity		Teacher Recognition
Completes nu money.	mber operations involving	

Creative Arts: Visual Art

Watch the video and complete the artwork. Make sure you add colour/texture that is relevant to the Gold rush era.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1feWYkWsHEM



Monday 13.9.21



Student: I have completed my work to the best of my ability

Name : _____

Parent/Carer: I am happy with the quality and amount of work my child has done today

Name:_

Writing: Information Report

1. Use the information you gathered on Thursday to write an information report on the family member you chose to research. There is a proforma below for you to use or you can write one freely.

2. <u>Remember:</u> You are being asked to present this information report in a creative way. This means you will need to use the information you have gathered to perhaps write a newspaper article, create a PowerPoint presentation, make a video of the information. It is important to know that creating texts also includes the use of images, tables, graphs and maps. **IF** any of these things would suit your information report, you should include them!

Title/Subject:	
General Introduction	
of the full of the	
Paragraph 1	Vocabulary
Paragraph 2	
Paragraph 3	
Conclusion	

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Uses gathered information to create	
a report.	

PDHPE: Internet Safety

• Complete the activities below.

My Digital Day

1. Each time you access the internet today, on any device, record it in this table.

What? What device, console, app, task, game?	Where? Where was I? Was I alone?	How long? Time spent? Time of day?	Who did I communicate with? Highlight those who you've never met in person.	What did I share? What content, information or handles/identifiers?

2. At the end of the day, work out:

- How long you spent online-
- How many people you communicated with-

Risky Social Media Bingo Board

3. Think about any social media accounts you use or online games you play.

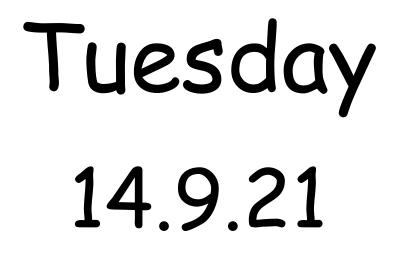
Highlight the boxes that contain something you know your accounts have:

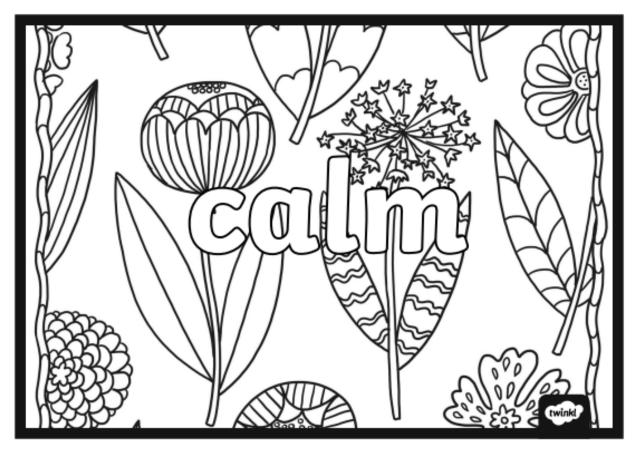
,	Usernames that include your real name or age	Public interactions with people you don't know, e.g. comments or likes on posts
Photos that include identifiable features, e.g. school uniform, your house address	Location/event check-ins	Private interactions with people you don't know, e.g. direct messages (DMs), emails, Snapchats, chatting in-game
Interactions with people you know that make you feel icky	Something someone posted that you wish you hadn't seen	Privacy settings turned off

4. When you're caught in the moment, it's easy to forget what your options are. Use the examples to help you fill in what you can do to stay cyber safe.

If this happens	l can
Someone I don't know connects with me	
Someone I don't know asks me for something	
Someone sends me something icky	1. (e.g.) Respond letting them know it's not cool 2. Block them if it keeps happening 3. Report them to the eSafety Commissioner
A friend tells me they're sending things to a new online friend	
A friend tells me they're going to meet a new friend they've been talking to	
Someone shares images or information about me without asking my permission	
Someone asks me to send them personal information or pictures	

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Completes tasks about cyber safety	





Student: I have completed my work to the best of my ability

Name : ______

Parent/Carer: I am happy with the quality and amount of work my child has done today

Name:_____

Spelling		

Activity	Teacher recognition
Accurately spells words when writing dictated	
sentences.	

Informative Writing

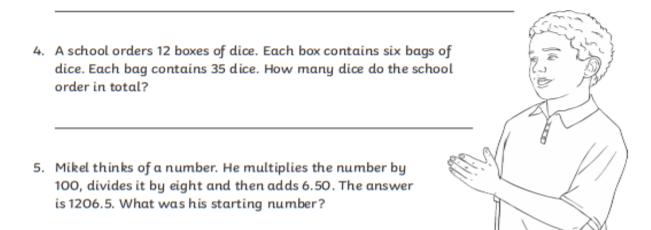
- Finalise and edit your information report on your family member. Be sure to check accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation. (If it's a video, make sure you have pronounced words correctly!)
- <u>Remember:</u> You are being asked to present this information report in a creative way. This means you will need to use the information you have gathered to perhaps write a newspaper article, create a PowerPoint presentation, make a video of the information. It is important to know that creating texts also includes the use of images, tables, graphs and maps. **IF** any of these things would suit your information report, you should include them!
- Remember you want the audience (or the person/people viewing your information report) to be engaged. You might want to add a bit of humour, use images, sounds, colour.
- Upload your information report to Google Classroom either as classwork or in the stream.

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Edits own writing and presents informative texts in	
a way that is engaging for an audience.	

<u>Money</u>

Complete these written problems involving money.

- Six pencils cost \$1.90. Three pencils and one rubber cost \$1.20. What is the cost of one rubber?
- 2. A stack of 40 identical toy boxes is 1000cm tall. Markus takes three boxes off the top of the pile. How tall is the stack now?
- Mrs Tunncliffe is making jam to sell at the country fair. Blackberries cost \$5.50 per kg. Sugar costs 65c per kg. 15 glass jars cost \$5.85. She uses 16kg of blackberries and 10kg of sugar to make 15 jars of jam. Calculate the total cost to make 15 jars of jam.



- 6. Eight small bricks have the same mass as three large bricks. The mass of one small brick is 1.5kg. What is the mass of one large brick?
- 7. A bag of five bananas costs \$1.00. A bag of four grapefruits costs \$2.40. How much more does one grapefruit cost than one banana?
- 8. Erica chooses a number. She divides it by four then subtracts 11. She then divides this result by two. Her answer is 12.5. What was the number she started with?

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Uses written and mental strategies to	
assist in solving money problems.	

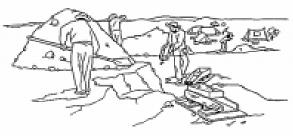
Read the information and complete the activities that follow.

Gold Fever Hits Bathurst!

The first rumours about gold finds near Bathurst began circulating in the colony in 1823 when James O'Brien found tiny flecks of gold in the Fish River. Governor Thomas Brisbane kept this news from the general population because he feared that there would be a convict revolt. Gold rushes sent huge numbers of people flocking to an area to make their fortune. This gold frenzy often resulted in lawlessness that was difficult for authorities to control.

Edward Hargraves

Edward Hargraves had recently returned from the gold rushes in California and learned various methods of prospecting for gold such as panning, cradling and excavation. He made comparisons



between the Californian and Bathurst landforms and believed that gold could be found in the region's rivers. On February 12th 1851, Hargraves was prospecting around the Lewis Pond Creek area with John Lister and James Tom. He found a few nuggets of gold and named the site Ophir.

Within days, news of the gold find attracted people to the Ophir area. In June 1851 more than 2,000 diggers camped along creeks and the road over the Blue

Mountains was packed with cartloads of miners on their way to Ophir. People from all walks of life were willing to live in tents or sleep in the open to strike it rich.

Most people returned home emptyhanded from Ophir. Some disappointed diggers insulted Edward Hargraves and tried to mob him. Hargraves did not find much gold either, but he had been given a handsome £10,000 reward for his discovery. Finding gold at Bathurst began the rush to find gold in other parts of Australia. Diggers with gold fever soon bundled up their tents to race southwards to the goldrush towns of Bendigo and Ballarat in Victoria.

How did Bathurst develop after the discovery of gold?

- Bathurst became the national headquarters of the Cobb & Co. coach transport company in 1862.
- The Main Western Railway from Sydney was extended to Bathurst in 1876.
- A coal-mining industry developed.
- People decided to stay in the Bathurst area and new towns were established with better roads. Private and public schools were built.

Activity

Gold Fever Hits Bathurst!

Read this letter printed in the Maitland News in August 1851. Highlight the difficulties that Mr. Smith faced on the goldfields at Turon River.

Mr. Smith, of the Falls writes to his wife as follows: "Turon River, Bathurst August 17th. I take this opportunity to send a letter to you, and send you a little of the produce which gold digging yields. You say you would come here; what do you think I could do with you in such a place? I know you could not get up at two o'clock in the morning, and climb the rocks before day-light with me, which we are obliged to do in order to find more profitable places to dig in. You have no idea what this place is like, or you would not for a moment think of such a thing. I am very well contented with what I am doing. I am getting from £1 to £3 per week, and more, and I see others who are running about from place to place doing nothing, while some are making £2 per day. But as long as I can get what I do at present, neither cold, wet weather, or the hard

work, will drive me away. We expect to leave this place soon for a new digging, forty miles distant, which is just found out. If we do go I will write from there as soon as possible. Our reason for shifting is this; there are so many coming here from the upper diggings and from all parts that there is no room to move..."

 Was Mr. Smith disappointed with the amount of gold that he had found? Quote from the letter to support your answer.

2. Finish this sentence with your opinion.

Mr. Smith had / did not have gold fever because ...

 Read the information on page 26. Why were earlier reports of gold finds in the Bathurst region kept a secret from the public?

4. How did transport improve in Bathurst after the discovery of gold in the 1850s?

Activity	Teacher Recognition
Reads information and completes worksheet	

Student and Parent Reflection

<u>Student</u>

I am happy with the amount of wor	k I completed	
I know I did my best	I am learning to work at home	I found it hard

What did I enjoy most in this unit of work?

What did I need help with?

Parent

I was happy with the amount of work completed by my child:

Any comment or queries?

Teachers Response