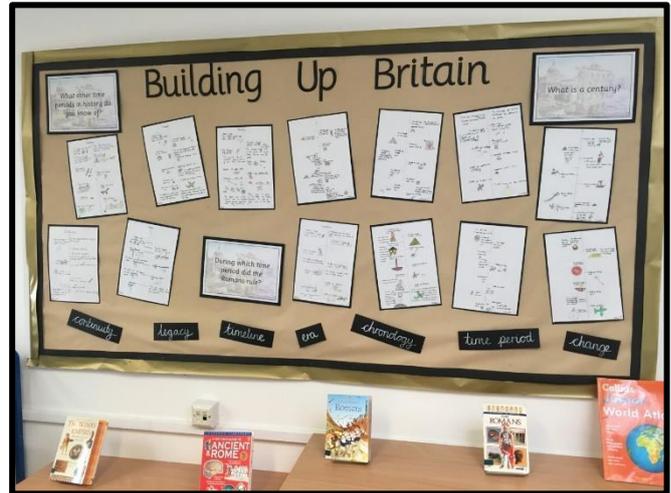


## Year 6 End of Term 1 Celebration Newsletter

Year 6 have settled back into school brilliantly and we are all really proud of how hard they have been working. They are showing our school rules and are ready to learn in all lessons. There's been lots of excellent learning and the children are enjoying their Learning Journey about the Romans! Well done on an excellent first term, Year 6! 😊

Year 6 have continued to develop their understanding of chronology. In history lessons, they learnt how to use historical vocabulary such as era, legacy, time period, change and continuity.

They placed historical events in chronological order and used their new vocabulary to add more information about the time period. Their presentation is fantastic and the timelines look brilliant on display in the bay area!



This term, Year 6 have written setting descriptions based on the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children identified the features of setting descriptions and then included the language features in their own writing. We have been very impressed with how the children have used 'show not tell' in their descriptions to show the reader what is happening. Year 6 have also really impressed us with their brilliant language choices. They have learnt how to choose vocabulary for effect and they certainly showed that in their writing! Here are some fantastic examples:

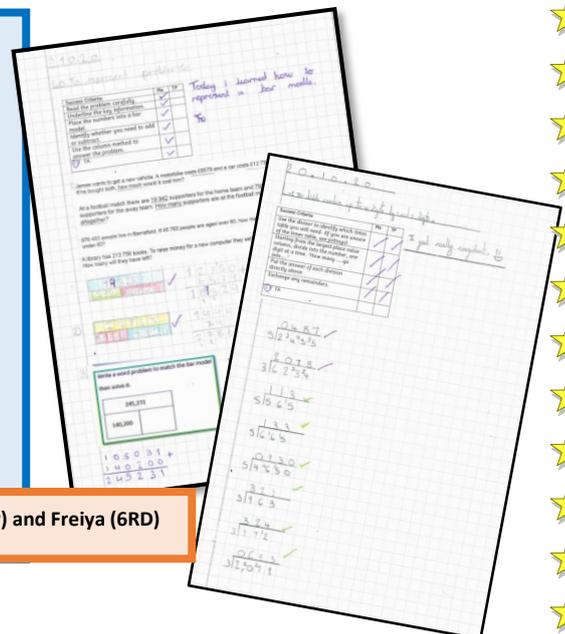
**Sidney:** 'Heavy clouds gathered overhead, concealing the sun, plunging the city into a cold darkness.'

**Logan:** 'Colossal clouds grabbed the sun's rays and held it in its grasp, leaving the city in total darkness.'

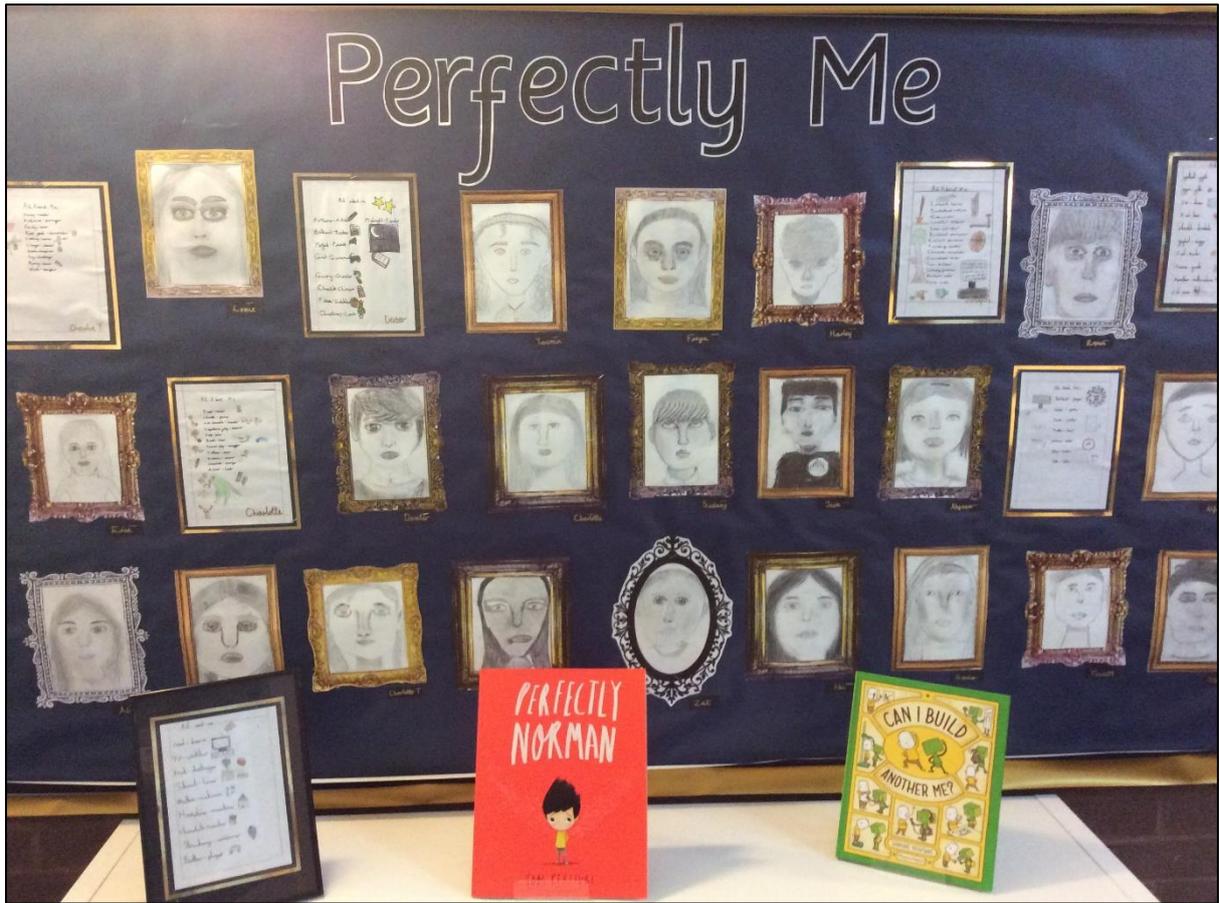
**Ronniane:** 'Birds chirping and dogs barking frantically, they knew something was wrong.'

In maths this term, Year 6 have been hard at work consolidating their knowledge of place value. This has involved a multitude of skills, from understanding the value of a digit in a 7 digit number, to exploring how numbers change when we add or remove 100, for example.

In addition to this, Year 6 have been consolidating their work on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have explored pictorial and abstract representations of these processes, digging deep into what is meant by terms such as "exchanging" or "multiplier". The children have really enjoyed applying their renewed passion for mathematics in a variety of tantalising problem solving activities. What incredible mathematicians we have at Meridian!



Izzy (6DP) and Freiya (6RD)



At the beginning of the term, year 6 practised their sketching and shading skills. They all worked hard to sketch a self-portrait and they did such a brilliant job. We were so impressed with the amount of detail and effort the children put into their art work. As you can see, the year 6 display looks fantastic!

The children have loved being back at Forest School being back at Forest School this term and have enjoyed creating wax leaf mobiles. They look really effective hanging up!  
Here is one example:



**Harley**  
**6H**



<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Erin</b>	<b>Dexter</b>
<b>6dP</b>	<b>6H</b>	<b>6RD</b>

In music, year 6 have been singing and playing along to 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. They have enjoyed using the bass guitar, keyboard, ukulele and maracas.