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Hello everyone! I've been talking to Mrs Urquhart and Mrs Gilbert from your high schools. I hear your online transition is going well. I have a message from Mrs Urquhart for all of you going to SPH in September. Apparently she posts a new video every Tuesday at 10am for new Year 7 students so remember to check your 'Seesaw' app!

Do you remember when we learned about **equinoxes** and **solstices**? Can you remember what they are? Popularly known as 'the shortest day', the summer solstice occurs this week on Saturday 20 June at 22:43 (BST). Although we often think of it as a day, the solstice is actually a moment -the point when the northern hemisphere is most tilted towards the Sun. It may occur at any time, even during the night, as it has nothing to do with the Earth's rotation. Here is some more info:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn6292p>

According to the Manchester Evening News, stargazers could hope to spot something very interesting in the night sky recently. On Saturday 30th May, the Falcon 9 rocket carrying the Crew Dragon capsule set off from launchpad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre and headed for the International Space Station.



Strapped inside were experienced NASA astronauts Robert Behnken, 48, and Douglas Hurley, 43 who would be making history as this was the first time astronauts would be launched into orbit from US soil in nine years.

Did any of you know about this? Unfortunately I missed it, but there are other spectacles to be spotted in the night sky later this month. Jupiter and Saturn will be visible and easy to spot with the naked eye; they shine with a steady light (unlike stars, which twinkle). Find out more at: <https://www.jodrellbank.net/the-night-sky/>.



Back on *terra firma*, I've found some superb new games websites you can work on over the next few weeks for spelling and maths and they're free!

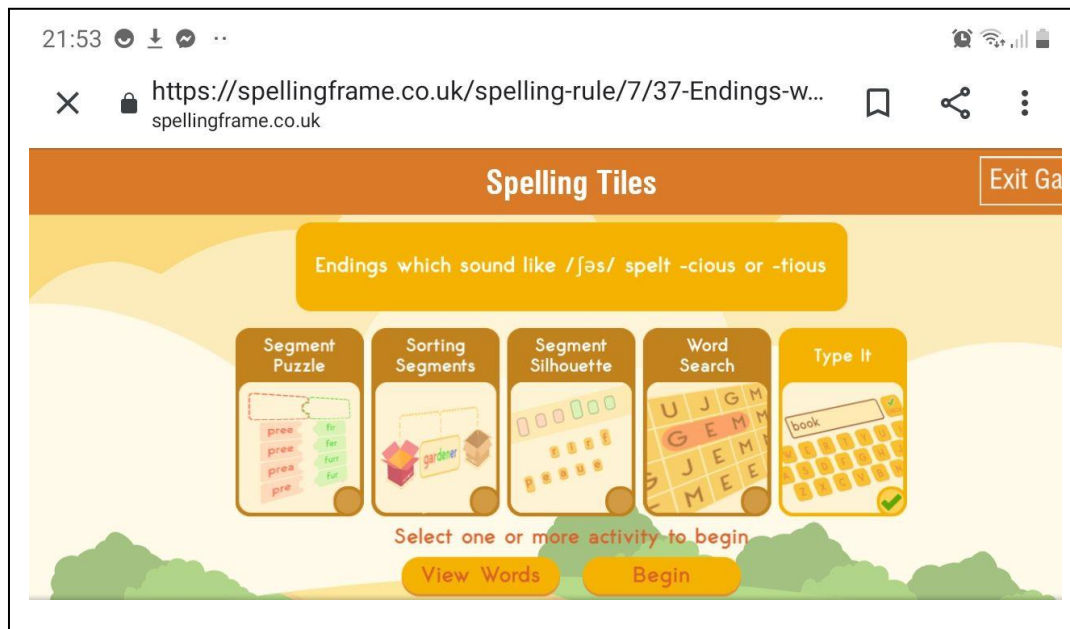
Mathsframe:

LOADS of free Maths games practising all areas including times tables, fractions, decimals, time, data handling and more. Make sure you select the correct levels as some will be too easy for you!

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

Spellingframe:

Twenty-six spelling rules are covered here, many of which we had already looked at in class before lockdown, such as: -cious or -tious, -ible or -able, -ibly or -ably, ough, homophones, use of hyphens, and more. Look up <https://spellingframe.co.uk/>, find Year 5/6 lists and choose one of five learning games to play:




Happy gaming!

Meanwhile, here are other things you could do this week:

Literacy	https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6	Take your pick of hundreds of online quick quizzes to help you revise topics.
Maths	https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6	
Music	Here is a brilliant video lesson exploring emotions in music: https://www.thenational.academy/year-6/foundation/exploring-emotions-in-music-year-6-wk6-5 We'll revisit this in our future work too.	
R.E.	https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020/ Spirited Arts competition to be in by the end of July 2020. Loads of different themes and ways to enter: art (painting, drawing, sketching etc), poetry, photography, dance, music, drama, sculpture.	
Spanish	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/el-alfabeto-y-los-numeros-f6be74 Hola Mexico! One thing we didn't learn in our topic was the language spoken there! Learn the Spanish alphabet as well as numbers 1-10.	

Father's Day: Don't forget to show dads and/or anyone who looks after you or cares for you, how much you appreciate them on Sunday 21st June. If you are stuck for ideas, go to www.twinkl.co.uk for loads of ideas like this do-it-yourself trophy...



Purple Mash		<u>Games Design Competition</u> : An opportunity for you to be creative by designing a brand new game using 2DIY 3D. Enter as an individual, family or a school group with fantastic prizes.
	'2Dos'	Check out the new spelling quizzes for this new half term, the 'Soaring Eagles' grammar activities and the topic '2Dos'.
	High School Transition	While you are thinking about going up to high school, why not do some of the fantastic new activities on Purple Mash, made especially for you at this time of leaving primary school. Your creations can be saved and/or printed out to keep as keepsakes, so you can look back at them when you are old and grey! There's pdf about them in our Thistle Class section of the website.

As always, here are daily activities and lessons:

Purple Mash Literacy:	Go to 'Sapphires' and find 'The Magic Pen' . We're now on Chapter 5! You can catch up if you still need to do the other chapters from previous weeks. There are 6 activities...you could do one or two each day: 1. chapter reading, 2. multiple choice comprehension, 3.sequencing, 4.SPAG, 5. open-ended questions, 6. writing activity. The multiple choice and writing activities are to be handed in as '2Dos' when you have finished them.	
White Rose Maths:	Each day, watch the video then do the activity: https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-6/ Remember, there are also example teaching videos on Corbett Primary to help you: https://corbettmathsprimary.com/content/	The White Rose day-by-day lessons match up with those on BBC Bitesize, so use both websites to help you with your learning.
BBC Bitesize Daily: English, Maths and mixed topic work	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zncsscw/year-6-lessons/1 Poems, assonance, onomatopoeia, alliteration, limericks and clerihews, free verse and narrative poetry, two step equations, substitution, unit conversion, the Vikings, the Lake District, the circulatory system, anthropometrics and ergonomics and 'should I trust everything I read online?' (Phew! What a lot of long words! Can you spell them all?!)	
Corbett Maths Primary 5-a-day	Choose: Silver, Gold or even Platinum. Find the pdf for the correct date: https://corbettmathsprimary.com/5-a-day/ Check your answers: https://corbettmathsprimary.com/2018/05/30/5-a-day-june-answers/	

Thank you to all of you who have sent your **Leavers' Year Book** entries already. You've written thoughtful comments and your photos show that you have changed so much in the last two months since I last saw you!
 If you haven't sent it to me yet, check our class page for the instructions and email your entry and photo (in school uniform please) to thistle@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk

Thank you wonderful Year 6! Miss you! Love from Mrs Mackey and Mrs Seville.