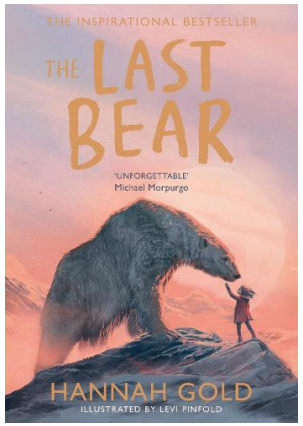
Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School

Year 6: Autumn 2 2026

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold



P.E Days: Wednesday and Friday

Computing:
We will be looking at how webpages are created effectively and how they meet the needs of the user.

Art: Waistcoats
Children will consider a range of factors when designing and making a product to meet a brief.

Music:
We can't wait to work with the Aylesbury Music Centre where the children will be developing their ukulele skills.

Spanish:
In Spanish this term, we will be revising and extending our knowledge of the language by looking at family names and the cubist movement.

P.S.H.E: Health and wellbeing
In this unit the children will continue deepening understanding of respectful relationships by exploring self-respect, boundaries, consent and ways to challenge unfairness, prevent bullying and seek help safely.

Reading:
We will continue to explore the world of Hannah Gold's 'The Last Bear', through the lens of a young girl, April. A story of kindness and adventure. Reading Lessons will continue to focus on text analysis building test technique through the Reading VIPERS: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise.
Please encourage your child to read at home each night to embed these skills further.

Writing:
Our Writing lessons will also centre around 'The Last Bear'. This half term, while continuing with a narrative, Year 6 will develop their non-fiction writing, focusing on non-chronological reports, letters and newspaper articles. We will continue to focus on selecting an appropriate tense whilst also using a formal tone and Standard English. Furthermore, the children will continue to build complexity by using a range of sentence structures and advanced punctuation whilst also prioritising handwriting and spelling.
Please continue to encourage your child to practise their weekly spellings.

Maths:
In Year 6, fluency will continue to be an integral component of daily teaching. The children will participate in discrete sessions focussing on essential arithmetic skills.

We will apply these skills in wider lessons, consolidating their knowledge of converting between units of measure. They will deepen their awareness of fractions, multiplying, dividing and finding fractions of amounts before being introduced to the concept of algebra for the first time.

Times tables remain paramount. Please encourage your child to complete TTRS daily!

History.:
Enquiry Question:
What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain?

Year 6 will continue to explore the Second World War, focussing on evacuation, propaganda and the lasting consequences of the conflict. Children will use a range of primary and secondary source material to investigate and make their own judgements, responding to key questions.

Holdenby House Trip – Wednesday 25th November 2026
Key words: advancement, alliance, cause, conflict, cultural exchange, emigration, evacuation, immigration, migration, propaganda.

Science:
Light and reflection
In Science, we will explore how light travels in straight lines and this explains observations of shadows and reflections. Children will engage with a series of practical investigations, making prediction, gathering evidence before presenting their findings.

Key words: light ray, luminous, light source, straight, eye, non-luminous, iris, opaque, shadow, incoming ray, reflective, reflected ray, periscope, pupil, ray diagram