

Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘Stef Reid’ on pg.2 and 3 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.4. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.
- **GPS:** Please read ‘Cornish Spriggan’ on pg.5 of this file then answer – and mark – the ‘Word’ and ‘Sentence’ questions on pg. 6 and 7. Answers can be found on pg.8. Please use these to help work out how to answer any questions you are unsure about. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.

***Please ensure your completed homework books are handed in at school on
Wednesday 4th March.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Spring 2 Week 1** list of words will take place next **Friday**. The list of words is available separately on the Woodpecker Class page of the school website. Please log onto Spelling Shed to support practice at home.
- **Multiplication & Division Facts:** Application of multiplication and division facts will take place throughout the week during Fluent in Five and Flashback Four. Please practise all facts up to 12 x 12.
- **Reading:** You are expected to do **at least 20 minutes** of independent reading at home, **every day**. *Please remember to log all new books read – both those at home and at school – in our class reading log as there are no home reading records in Woodpecker Class:*



STEF REID

When Stef Reid was born in 1984, it was to a Scottish father and an English mother. Even though she was born in New Zealand, her family moved to Canada when she was only four. By the time she began competing in athletics events, she was eligible to compete for any of three countries!

Sports always featured heavily in Stef's life. She was an avid rugby player and, by age 12, had set her sights on competing with the best. Unfortunately, that all changed when she was 15 years old.

Visiting a friend at a lakeside cottage in Canada, Stef went out onto the lake to take part in some watersports. One of the things she did was ride on an inflatable ring whilst being pulled by a boat. It is common for people to come off the ring during these fun activities, but this time nobody noticed where she had fallen in. As the boat came back looking for her, the driver failed to spot her. She dived below the surface to dodge the boat, but the propeller caught her, slicing into her leg, glutes and back. It almost cut her in half, she is quoted as saying.

She made it to the hospital, where a surgeon saved her life, but he had to amputate her right leg below the knee. Not only was she lucky to be alive, but she had avoided any spinal injuries.

Following her recovery, Stef wanted to get back into sport, but she was told that rugby wasn't an option because the referees were worried that her prosthetic leg might injure other players. Instead, she turned her attention to her education. She attended Queen's University in Canada, where she studied biochemistry. Whilst there, she decided to join the university's athletics team to see how fast she could still run with her artificial limb. It turned out that she was pretty fast! Once she graduated, she put her career on hold and decided to pursue her childhood goal of being a professional sports star.

Stef won her first Paralympic medal at the Beijing Games in 2008, where she competed for Canada. She claimed bronze in the 200-metre sprint. Athletes in the Paralympics are grouped by different classifications, which are given a letter and number. These ensure that people with similar disabilities are competing against each other. Stef competed in the T44 category, which is described



as for people with a “single, below knee amputation or an athlete who can walk with moderately reduced function in one or both legs”.

By the time the Paralympics came to London in 2012, Stef had switched allegiance to Great Britain as both of her parents are British. There, she won a silver medal in the T44 long jump event. This was followed by another silver medal in the same event at the 2016 Rio games and a gold at the 2017 World Championships.

Outside of her athletics, Reid became one of the first disabled models in a Debenhams advertising campaign, became the first amputee to model and walk on the London Fashion Week catwalk, worked hard for charities and competed in 2022’s Dancing on Ice TV show.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Which sport did Stef love to play as a child?
2. In which country did she have her accident?
3. Where did Stef go to university?
4. In which category does she compete?
5. In which sport did she win her first Paralympic medal?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

S

Why was Reid able to choose from three different countries to compete for?

I

What information in the text gives you the impression that Stef is tough and perseveres?

S

How do Paralympic categories help to keep events fair?

V

Place these three words in order of severity:

moderately

severely

mildly

V

What does “prosthetic” mean?

Answers - Stef Reid:

1. Rugby
2. Canada
3. Queen's University / Canada
4. T44
5. 200-metre sprint

S: Her parents were British, she was born in New Zealand and grew up in Canada

I: She overcame her amputation, went back to sport and achieved her dream

S: They make sure that people competing against each other have similar abilities

V: Mildly moderately severely (accept in reverse order)

V: Artificial/fake/man-made

Cornish Spriggan

The rolling hills and tin mines of Cornwall have long been home to strange myths and legends. Perhaps none are more mysterious than the spiteful Spriggan of West Penwith.

A hideous hobgoblin, or perhaps more of a dark fairy, the Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious tricks on unwary travellers. Whether it's luring them into marshes or off the edge of cliffs, unwary visitors to this area would do well to ignore the creature's advice.

Trickery is not Spriggan's only vice. It is not above theft, either. Whether that is stealing property or even the newborn infants in the village, the Spriggan will steal the lot. When a baby is taken, a changeling is left in its place to trick the parents. It has been said that many a child raised by human parents was, in fact, a pixie changeling brought by the Spriggan.



FOCUS ON - WORD

1 Identify whether the following words are singular or plural nouns, or neither.

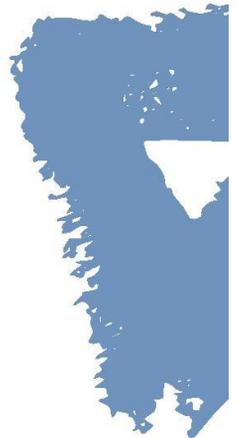
word	singular noun	plural noun	neither
myths			
mysterious			
parents			
baby			
creature's			

2 Write the root words to each of the words below.

mysterious → _____
spiteful → _____
luring → _____

3 Write a or an in front of each of these nouns.

_____ hobgoblin
_____ infant
_____ edge
_____ village



FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

1 Underline the prepositional phrases in the sentence below.

Whether it's luring them into marshes or off the edge of cliffs, unwary visitors to this area would do well to ignore the creature's advice.

2 Re-write this sentence, starting with its main clause.

When a baby is taken, a changeling is left in its place to trick the parents.

3 Choose an appropriate co-ordinating conjunction to create one sentence.

Re-write the sentence.

Trickery is not Spriggan's only vice. It is not above theft, either.

as nor if or

4 Draw lines to match the synonyms.

strange
stealing
vicious

theft
mysterious
spiteful



Answers - Cornish Spriggan

WORD

1. myths = plural noun
mysterious = neither (adjective)
parents = plural noun
baby = singular noun
creature's = singular noun (showing possession)
2. mysterious = mystery
spiteful = spite
luring = lure
3. a hobgoblin
an infant
an edge
a village

SENTENCE

1. Whether it's luring them into marshes or off the edge of cliffs, unwary visitors to this area would do well to ignore the creature's advice.
2. A changeling is left in its place to trick the parents when a baby is taken.
3. Trickery is not Spriggan's only vice, nor is not above theft, either.
4. strange and mysterious
stealing and theft
spiteful and vicious