

Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘Bear Grylls’ 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 ‘Arcades’ on pg.5 of this file then answer – and mark – the ‘Text’ and ‘Punctuation’ 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 is handed in at school on
Wednesday 1st May.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Summer 1 Week 2** 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 Facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place every **Thursday**. 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:*

BEAR GRYLLS

Bear Grylls OBE is one of the most recognisable adventurers and survival experts in the world. You may recognise him from his TV work or his adventures as UK Chief Scout. However you know him, you will understand why he is so popular.

Born in 1974, Bear isn't actually his real name. He was named Edward Michael Grylls by his parents but was nicknamed "Bear" by his older sister when he was just a week or so old. His family had important ties. His grandfather was a top cricketer, and his dad was a politician. His dad's connections meant that he had access to places like the Royal Yacht Squadron. This was an elite institution where Bear learned to sail, climb and take part in other outdoor pursuits from a very young age. Adventuring was always in his blood.

His thirst for excitement didn't end there. As a teenager, he learned how to skydive and reached one of the top belts in karate. He speaks several languages and studied at the prestigious Eton College.

Continuing his love of travel, Grylls left school and spent three years as a soldier in the British Special Forces. These years taught him many of the survival skills that would become the staple of his shows on TV.

In 1996, aged just 21, Grylls was exploring his love of skydiving in Zambia, Africa. On one jump, his parachute failed to open properly, and he landed on his back; he broke it in three places. It took him a year of painful rehabilitation to overcome it, and he says that he still feels pain from it every day.

The fall and subsequent pain have never stopped Bear from fulfilling his ambitions. Two years after the accident, he became the youngest Brit to reach the summit of Mount Everest. He has gone on to write over 90 books, selling over 20 million copies worldwide.

Not everything is serious with Bear, although there is usually a strong purpose behind everything he does. In 2000, he led a team of jet skiers on an expedition to circumnavigate the British Isles. It



took them 30 days and raised lots of money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. In another charity event, he rowed a bathtub along the River Thames.

2005 saw Bear and several other adventurers eating a formal dinner in a hot air balloon. They rose to 7,600 meters above sea level and paired their formal army uniforms with gas masks to allow them to breathe. It broke the record for the highest open-air formal dinner, but once again, there was an honourable purpose. The dinner raised awareness of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and The Prince's Trust charity.

Pretty much every TV show that Bear leads has been a resounding success. His show *Man vs. Wild* was viewed by an estimated 1.2 billion people, making it one of the most-watched shows in history. His adventure with Indian Prime Minister Modi reached 3.6 billion people.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What did Bear's dad do as a job?
2. How old was Grylls when he had his skydiving accident?
3. Where did Bear eat his famous dinner in 2005?
4. Who did Bear take on an adventure that was watched by billions of people?
5. What did Grylls use to row along the Thames?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

Find and copy a word that means "following".

I

What evidence is there that people like Grylls' books?

V

Which word means "did together"?

fulfilling paired survival

S

How did Bear's time in the Special Forces influence his future work?

V

"The staple of his shows on TV..." What does staple mean?

Answers - Bear Grylls:

1. A politician
2. 21
3. In a hot air balloon
4. Modi (Indian Prime Minister)
5. A bathtub

V: Subsequent

I: He has sold 20 million copies

V: Paired

S: He learned the survival skills that he later used on his TV shows

V: The main part

Most people play computer games in their homes nowadays, but it wasn't always the case. Home consoles didn't really take off until the 1990s; before that, computer games were exclusively found in arcades.

Just like arcades you might have been to on holiday, these were filled with computer games that people could pay a few pennies to play until they died. Some, such as Space Invaders, went on to become best-selling games when they moved to consoles as well.

At their peak in the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use throughout the day. Lorries would often roll up to take away the bags of coins and deposit them in the bank.

One of the most popular arcade games of all time was Pac-Man. The yellow chomping circle was first released in 1980 before a group of developers released their own better version called Miss Pac-Man a year later.

FOCUS ON - TEXT

- 1** Identify the different adverbial in the words underlined below.
Tick one box in each row.

sentence	adverbial of time	adverbial of place
In the <u>1980s</u> , some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use throughout the day.		
In the 1980s, some arcades <u>in the United States</u> had hundreds of machines in use throughout the day.		
In the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use <u>throughout the day</u> .		

- 2** Match the underlined pronoun to who or what it is referring to.

Most people play computer games in <u>their</u> homes nowadays but before that, computer games were found exclusively in arcades.
At <u>their</u> peak in the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use through the day.
A group of developers, released <u>their</u> own arcade game called Miss Pac-Man.

developers
people
the arcades

- 3** Tick the box which shows the verb form in present perfect.

Most people play computer games in their homes nowadays, but this hasn't always been the case as home consoles weren't really popular until the 1990s.



FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Explain the difference between the two sentences below.

The arcade's coins were taken away by lorries and deposited in banks.

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2 Replace the commas with a different punctuation mark.

Some computer games, such as Space Invaders, went on to become best-selling games when they moved to consoles as well.

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3 Insert the missing comma into each of the sentences below.

Until the 1990s home consoles didn't really take off.

A year later developers released a computer game called Miss Pac-Man.

Often lorries would roll up and take away the bags of coins and deposit them in banks.

4 Create three hyphenated words to describe the computer game of Pac-Man.

Use each of the words below only once.

well
old
fun

packed	= _____
known	= _____
fashioned	= _____



Answers - Arcades

TEXT

1. adverbial of time – In the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use throughout the day.
adverbial of place – In the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use throughout the day.
adverbial of time – In the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use throughout the day.
2. people = Most people play computer games in their homes nowadays but before that, computer games were found exclusively in arcades.
arcades = At their peak in the 1980s, some arcades in the United States had hundreds of machines in use through the day.
developers = A group of developers, released their own arcade game called Miss Pac-Man.
3. hasn't always been

PUNCTUATION

1. The apostrophe in the first sentence refers to the fact that there is just one arcade, whereas the apostrophe in the second sentence, means that there are two or more arcades.
2. Some computer games (such as Space Invaders) went on to become best-selling games when they moved to consoles as well.
Some computer games — such as Space Invaders — went on to become best-selling games when they moved to consoles as well.
3. Until the 1990s, home consoles didn't really take off.
A year later, developers released a computer game called Miss Pac-Man.
Often, lorries would roll up and take away the bags of coins and deposit them in banks.
4. old-fashioned
fun-packed
well-known