Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete and mark 'A Delightful Step Sister' 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.
- **Maths:** Please complete and mark 'Long Division' on pg.5 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.6. Please use these to help work out how to answer any questions you are unsure about. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Book provided by school.

Please ensure your completed homework is handed in at school on Wednesday 5th December.

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Autumn 2** Week 5 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*:



A Delightful Step Sister

I can still remember the day our father left to fight in a battle somewhere on the other side of the kingdom. My sister, our mother and I stood by and watched him march away in his shiny armour with his polished helmet. Even though we were sad, we didn't dare to think it would be the last time we'd ever see him.

Before then, we'd been so happy. None of us were perfect, of course, but we made the best of what we had and looked after each other. Our mother was a kind soul who'd have done anything for anyone. Once we received the letter about my father, that changed.

At first, we tried to make ends meet. The warm flame inside mother was extinguished with our father's life, and she never smiled again. But she worked every hour of every day to try to keep our house. One day, she came home and told us that she was in love again. We were happy, of course. She told us that she wanted to take it slowly, he had a daughter who had lost her mother. However, things were so desperate that she'd had no choice but to accept his proposal of marriage. We moved in with them within the week.

His daughter, Cinderella, wasn't impressed with us from the first day. She was still mourning her mother and probably didn't want two new sisters stomping around her house. For our part, we didn't want her, either. Did we make mistakes? Most definitely, but they weren't made intentionally.

Then, suddenly, the ball came around. Oh, how the girls in the village swooned after Prince Charming. We knew better, though. It was Prince Charming who had ordered our father away to fight in his war. Sure, my sister and I were desperate to marry him. But not because we wanted to live in some big, old castle. No doubt whoever married him would end up cooking and cleaning it anyway. No, I wanted to marry him to get him to stop his endless war. I could stop fathers, brothers and friends from having to march away and never return.

Cinderella had other ideas. She was convinced that he was a kind, caring man. All because he had blue eyes and blond hair, apparently. She just wanted the castle and the glamour. We tried



everything we could to stop her - sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind. It was all in vain.

They met and married after some kerfuffle over a shoe. Cinderella moaned about how we stole her father and how our mother was mean to him, but how many times has she been back to see him since the wedding? None. And still, men are marching away.

The last I heard, she was still cleaning the kitchen and mopping the floor. Only, now, she's doing it in a better dress. People always look at us in the street and scowl because of the stories she told them about us. We were only trying to help, even if we did make a few mistakes along the way.

SUMMARY FOCUS

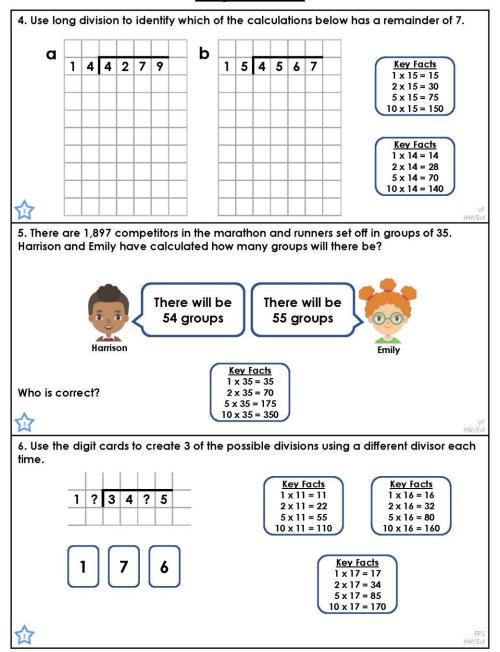
- 1. What was the first major event described in the story?
- 2. What happened just before their mother became different to how she used to be?
- 3. In what ways was Prince Charming so important to Cinderella and the sisters?
- 4. What happened with Cinderella just before she was married?
- 5. Summarise in a sentence the ending of the story.

VIPERS QUESTIONS	
	What do you think the letter about their father was telling them?
V	Which word in the text tells you that the sisters' efforts to stop Cinderella didn't make a difference?
R	Why were the sisters happy that their mother remarried?
V	Copy a phrase that tells you any mistakes the sisters made were accidental.
	Why is the sister mad at Cinderella now she is married?

Answers - A Delightful Step Sister:

- 1. Their father marching off to war
- 2. She received a letter about their father.
- 3. The sisters wanted to change him and stop the war, Cinderella wanted to marry a prince.
- 4. There was a kerfuffle over a shoe.
- Despite her best efforts, the sister was unable to prevent Cinderella from marrying Prince Charming. Accept similar alternatives.
- I: That he had died in the war
- V: (All in) vain
- R: They wanted her to be happy
- V: They weren't made intentionally
- I: She hasn't been to see her father.

Long Division 4



Homework/Extension Long Division 4

Expected

- 4. b
- 5. Emily is correct because 1,897 \div 35 = 54 r7. The remaining 7 will need to make an extra group so there will be 55 groups.
- 6. Various answers, for example: 3,465 ÷ 11 = 315; 3,475 ÷ 11 = 315 r10; 3,415 ÷ 16 = 213 r7; 3,475 ÷ 16 = 217 r3; 3,415 ÷ 17 = 200 r15; 3,465 ÷ 17 = 203 r14

