

Year 6 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a fantastic Easter Break. The Summer Term is a busy and important term for Year 6. We have lots coming up including: SATs, enterprise week, STEM enrichment week, the summer production and lots of transition activities. There are a lot of important dates for Year 6 this term so I have broken down some of the key information below.

LEARNING:

Wider Curriculum - This term will start with some immersive learning about the Ancient Mayans. We will be learning all about this amazing civilization and how they impact our life today.

Literacy - Year 6 English work this term will be linked closely to our topic work and the children will use a range of texts as inspiration including a new text for this year 'Oh Maya God!' This text is from the same series as 'Who Let The Gods Out?' which the children will have read in Year 5. We will be writing some persuasive pieces based around the text. In addition, we will spend the first half term revising all of the KS2 GPS in preparation for our upcoming SATs.

Maths - This term, the focus will be on revising and deepening the children's understanding of all the areas of maths they have learnt in Key Stage Two. This is not only in preparation for SATs, but more importantly to ensure that they are feeling confident with maths as they head off to secondary school. Key areas will be: ratio and proportion, calculating with fractions, written division and multiplication, algebra and measure.

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During the first half term we will take part in athletics and rounders. Please note there is a change to our PE days. Our PE days for the summer term are <u>TUESDAYS</u> and <u>FRIDAYS</u>. Children should come to school in PE kit on these days. This is their house PE T-shirt and dark coloured (navy blue or black) bottoms. Please support children in ensuring they have the correct PE kit. PE is a compulsory part of

the curriculum and all children are expected to take part in all lessons. Please also ensure that children have a water bottle with them in school, which they can take out to PE with them as the weather gets hotter.

PPA Cover:

Mrs Low will continue to teach Geometry, French and RE every other Monday.

Homework:

This term the children will receive revision based homework tasks for maths and reading. As well as a half term topic related piece of homework. When they move on to secondary school they will receive a larger volume of homework than they currently do, so we encourage them all to get into a good routine for completing their homework now, so that this is not such a shock next year. If they do not complete their homework on time then they will be expected to stay in during lunchtime to fully complete the

tasks. The work will be set on Seesaw and children are expected to be able to login and manage this independently. If they have any issues logging into Seesaw then please let me know.

Key Dates For Year 6:

SATs Week:

SATs week runs from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May and all children are expected to be in school on time, every day during this week. The children have worked really hard all year for these assessments and we encourage them to look at this as a celebration of their learning and hard work rather, than a high pressure test.

Children are invited to come to school from 8.15am every day (Monday to Thursday) during SATs week. They can have a breakfast of croissants and pan au chocolates together and we will do some fun revision activities and games. If they don't come in early for breakfast, they must be in school on time by 8.40am, as the assessments may start as early as 9am on some days. Here is a breakdown of the assessment schedule:

Monday 12th May - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper (45 minutes)

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Tuesday 13th May - Reading Paper (1 hour)

Wednesday 14th May - Maths Paper 1, Arithmetic (30 minutes)

Wednesday 14th May - Maths Paper 2, Reasoning (40 minutes)

Thursday 15th May - Maths Paper 3, Reasoning (40 minutes)

Enterprise Week:

Enterprise week is an exciting week for Year 6, this is the children's chance to design and create their own mini business. The children will work in groups to come up with a business idea. Each group is given £5 to buy their initial supplies. Ideas we have had in the past include: sweet cones, bookmarks and book sales, smoothies, cakes, waiter service soft drinks in the chill out area and beat the goalie. The children decide how much they are going to charge for their product and how many times in the week they will run their stall. They will need to do some work for this at home (such as making the products, buying supplies etc). They will market their product or activity to the school community. Profits from the week are used to fund the end of Year 6 treat days.

Enterprise week will be run across two weeks - the first for planning and marketing and the second for selling, these dates are:

Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd - planning week

Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June - selling week

Year 6 Treat Days:

One of the privileges of being in Year 6 is being able to celebrate the children's hard work with two treat days. These will take place on:

Thursday 19th June - day of activities at Out of Bounds

Wednesday 25th June - Party food and water fight on the field.

These events are funded partially through the profits from enterprise and partially by the school. In order to keep the costs as low as possible for these events, we will be asking parents to arrange transport to and from Out of Bounds. I will write to you with more details on these activities in due course.

Year 6 Leavers Party:

One of the last activities Year 6 get to enjoy together is their Pizza and disco evening. This will take place on **Friday** 27^{th} **June** and I will write to you closer to the date with the timings for the event.

Summer Production:

The summer production is an exciting event for KS2 every year. This year's show is 'The Lion King' and as the oldest children in the school, Year 6 will take on the main roles. Children will take part in lots of rehearsals in preparation for the shows and all children are expected to attend all the performances. More information will come out in due course about purchasing tickets, however the performance dates are as follows:

Monday 7th July 2pm – relaxed performance Tuesday 8th July 2pm and 6pm Wednesday 9th July 6pm

Leavers Service:

Finally, on the last day of term, we have our Year 6 leavers service. This is a special event for parents to attend where Year 6 share their highlights from primary school and the rest of the school say goodbye to the class. This will take place on **Friday 18**th **July at 1.45pm** and we hope all Year 6 parents will be able to join us for this service.

Other important dates:

Monday 22nd April - Active Maths day

Thursday 1st May - Class photos - school jumpers must be worn

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May - VE Day -red, white and blue dress up day

Monday 23rd May - Outdoor learning day

Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June - Enrichment week

Friday 27th June - Sports Morning at 9.30am

Friday 11th July - Reports and SATs results sent home,

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Olliver Year 6 Class Teacher