



Year 6 Curriculum Letter

Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be studying a range of texts and genres. Texts will be linked to our topics. SATS tests will be undertaken by the majority of the children in reading comprehension and grammar, however writing is assessed continuously and every piece of writing counts! We encourage children to use success criteria and to check and edit their own work.



Attendance

The Government sets a minimum target of 95% attendance for every child. All absences have to be explained. Unauthorised absence must be reported to Hounslow. Fines of up to £100 are imposed for taking holidays in school time. It is essential that all children are in every day leading up to the assessments as well as attending every day during SATs week.

Numeracy

In the lead up to SATS, it is really important that the children have a good understanding of place value, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and of the 4 basic operations. They should be ensuring that they are able to quickly calculate simple percentages and fractions of quantities mentally, as well as recognising the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In addition, we will focus on reasoning skills so that they can apply their skills to solve problems.

Topics The first half of the Summer term our topic is called 'Darwin's Delights', where we will start to explore features of different animal species through close observational drawings and research. We will also investigate scientific classification and write diary entries and arguments related to the topic. After the May half term, our topic will be ID - this is another Science-based unit, delving into the fascinating world of forensics and what helps us to identify ourselves as the individuals that we are.

P.S.H.C.E.

We will continue to focus on target setting and achieving our goals, as well as beginning to look at how to cope with changes and how to adapt to change. This ties in closely with the children beginning to think about moving on to secondary school, but also with SRE (sex and relationships education) which we will cover later in the term - further details to follow closer to the time.



Music and Dance

We will be preparing for our end of Y6 show which always incorporates plenty of singing and dancing. We will also be preparing for the Dance Festival in the last week before the half term holidays.

Art/Design Technology

This term we will focus on our drawing skills and how to use different media, including watercolour painting, effectively. In the second half of term, we have the Art Exhibition to look forward to.