



# Ladygrove Park Primary School

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## Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Term 5

Term 4 was an extremely busy one - the children wrote fantastic suspense stories based on 'A Strange Day in July' and also enjoyed using their understanding of light and how we see to create their own periscopes! We have also been working hard to prepare the children for their SATs which will take place in Week 4 of Term 5 and they are looking forward to showing off all that they have achieved in their time here at Ladygrove. Thank you to all of you who attended our SATs parents information meeting at the end of Term 4. We hope this meeting was helpful and informative but if you would like any more information, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team. To help you support your child with their learning this term, we have outlined the basic areas of study, but first a few housekeeping and general points:

### **EQUIPMENT**

All children should be encouraged to bring in a pencil case and a water bottle. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and that it is clearly labelled to avoid confusion. Uniform guidelines are outlined in the school prospectus available at the school office or on the school website.

### **PE**

PE kits should be brought in every Monday and will be sent home after the last PE lesson of the week. Outdoor PE: navy shorts, white/house coloured t-shirt and a tracksuit or spare jumper for colder days. Children will also need trainers which may get muddy if we use the field.

Jewellery: A reminder that **only** stud earrings and wrist watches may be worn to school. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE. Children should not wear bracelets, this includes friendship bracelets and loom bands.

Our PE days (weather permitting!) this term are Tuesdays (rounders) and Thursdays (athletics).

### **SATs**

Year 6 can be a challenging year and we really appreciate your continued support and encouragement. Children will be taking SATs tests in Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar this term, with Writing and Science being assessed by the class teacher throughout the course of the year.

SATs will take place on the following dates:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - English (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - English (Reading Paper)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Maths (Paper 1: Arithmetic and Paper 2: Reasoning)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Maths (Paper 3: Reasoning)

There will be a free SATs breakfast provided by the school every morning during SATs week from 8.15am (Monday-Thursday). You should have received a letter about this in Term 4, which is also available on the school website. We will also send out a reminder prior to SATs week. We strongly encourage all children to come to the free breakfast club to help them settle in to each day.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and collected on the following Wednesday. As you will know, we are using the revision guides for Homework. **Your child is expected to complete a minimum of one page in each book over the course of a week but, as we now approaching the tests, if they feel able to complete more than one page a week, please encourage your child to do so.** All Reading Comprehensions have been now completed and no more will be set before SATs. Please encourage your child to continue to read widely and discuss what they have read with you at home with a particular focus on understanding what they have read (including strategies for working out the meaning of tricky words).

### **READING**

As a whole school, we expect children to have daily opportunities to read to, or with, someone at home, as well as independently; reading can include: books, newspapers, magazines, online reading, eBooks, reading tablets, information books, adverts, menus, poems, song lyrics - the list is endless. The important things is that your child reads regularly (preferably daily) and enjoys, and is engaged with, the reading! We would also like to say a big "well done" to all of the Year 6s who have risen to the Year 6 reading challenge. There will be prizes at the end of the year for children who have completed the challenge! We expect your child to record their own reading in their Reading Diary in a simple way e.g. date, title/piece read and any personal comments they would like to add. Please can you then date and sign (as well as add any additional comments) in the Reading Diary once a week. We will collect Reading Diaries in each Wednesday morning and a purple star will be awarded for determination if there is clear evidence of 2 consecutive weeks of regular reading (5 entries per week).

### **TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS**

When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important - the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to solve calculations. Multiplication and division facts underpin many mathematical concepts so it is vital that your child knows these off by heart. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun, challenging, online programme designed to help pupils master the times tables!

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As a whole school, we recommend that each child accesses the website or App at least 5 times a week for 10 minutes; the more they practise, the faster and more accurate they will become. Your child will have been given their user name and login and shown how to use the website in class. If you have any questions about this please contact us.

Website: [www.trockstars.com/](http://www.trockstars.com/)

App: Search in your App Store for Times Table Rockstars

### CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Our topic for this term and Term 6 is **Amazing Mayans!** We will be learning about the ancient Mayan civilisation covering a range of history and art/DT objectives.

### CURRICULUM

Subject	
<b>Maths</b>	The National Curriculum is followed and Maths takes place on a daily basis using the Mastery approach. Please encourage your child to practise and apply mental maths skills. This could be quick responses to times tables, calculating change required in shops, the length of a television programme or estimating measures: e.g. distances, temperature and length. This term we will continue to revise a wide range of topics in preparation for SATs.
<b>English</b>	Over the course of this term we will be writing persuasive letters to persuade local businesses to help us celebrate SATs week. We will also be exploring and writing some of our own poetry.
<b>Science</b>	This term we will be looking at Electricity and the children will learn to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram. They will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity - Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. Children will get the opportunity to develop their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it. As well as conducting their own investigation, they will get the opportunity to create their own torch!
<b>Computing</b>	We will be beginning to learn about spreadsheets, including how to enter data and formulae, ordering and presenting data based on calculations, adding, editing and calculating data and using a spreadsheet to solve problems.
<b>PE</b>	We will be developing our rounders skills (Tuesday PM) and preparing for Sports Day during athletics (Thursday PM).
<b>PSHE</b>	We will be looking at mindfulness strategies for coping with stress and anxiety and exploring how positive affirmations can benefit us.
<b>RE</b>	We will be exploring the big question - 'How do people's beliefs about and attitudes towards God, the universe and humanity act as a guide through life?'
<b>MFL</b>	We will be beginning to learn Mandarin with Mrs Li-Koo.
<b>Music/ Drama</b>	We will be beginning to prepare for our end of year production 'Rock Bottom!'

### HELPING OUT

Year 6 would be very grateful for the support of any parents or carers who are able to offer some regular time in class or reading with children. We are also (desperately!) looking for any willing sewers to help with our Leaver's Banner! Please let us know if you are able to help.

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Ladygrove's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations
- Week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Book Fair in school all week
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - PALS Movie Night (KS2)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Cake Crumbly (parent helpers also appreciated)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 6 class photo & whole school photo
- Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Key Stage 2 SATs Week (including a surprise treat on Friday!)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - C15 visiting Didcot Library
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - C14 visiting Didcot Library

If you have any problems, questions or concerns, please do feel free to discuss them with us, bearing in mind that before school is a very busy time. We look forward to an exciting term!

Thank you for your continued support,

Hannah Zebrowski and Alex Wilder  
Year 6 Teachers

