



## Bassetts Farm Primary School

Year 6 – Summer Term 2019 (First Half Term)

Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break.

Our Learning Journey for this half term is 'A Day in the Life of...'

Here is an overview of our learning.

Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
<b>22.04.19</b> 4 days 	Respect	<p>This week we will be focusing on preparing the children for their forthcoming SATs tests. We will be revising key topics within Maths, as well as focusing on reading comprehension, spelling, grammar and punctuation. The children will also begin their music lessons with Mr Jennings. The challenge for the children this half term will be to work in groups to learn and perform a chosen song. Each group will need a vocalist, a guitarist, a keyboard player and a percussionist.</p>
<b>29.04.19</b> 	Respect	<p>SATs revision for Maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar will again be our focus this week. The children will also continue with music with Mr Jennings and they will be taking part in 'Grounds Week' with Mr Sargeant (please bring wellies and a coat!)</p>
<b>06.05.19</b> 4 days 	Wisdom	<p>This will be our final week of preparation for SATs, with the focus again on Maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar. In their music lessons, the children will continue to work in their groups to learn and perform their chosen song. They will also work with Mr Sargeant on developing their computing skills.</p>
<b>13.05.19</b> 	Spirituality	<p>SATs week! In the afternoons, the children will be taking part in PE so please make sure that your child has a water bottle, sun cream and a hat with them in school. They will also begin their Learning Journey topic of 'A Day in the Life of an Explorer: From Mayans to Tudors,' learning about the history of exploration during this period and about famous explorers.</p>
<b>20.05.19</b> 	Persistence	<p>During this week, the children will continue with their Learning Journey topic. We will focus on Tudor exploration and the children will read 'The Diary of Thomas Hobbs', a fictional text based around the life of Sir Francis Drake. The children will use this text as an inspiration for writing their own Tudor diary entries. On Thursday, Year 6 will be heading to the beach for a day of water-based fun and on Friday the children will finish their Tudor diaries.</p>

Year 6 Home Learning - Please present neatly using joined handwriting.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
Spelling	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Times Tables	Wednesday	Tuesday (Test)	Weekly
Maths	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Reading	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily and they MUST read at least one book per week. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read. eg. <i>How do you think Steve felt when he left the house? Why?</i> These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class.</p>		

### Reminders

<b>Lunch</b> 	Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer. (Please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Cost £2.30. Please pay using Eduspot.co.uk.
<b>Uniform</b> 	Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black. Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.
<b>PE kit</b> 	T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers needed.
<b>Drinks</b> 	We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.
<b>PSHE</b>	PSHE will be taught weekly with your child's class teacher.
<p>Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on <b>01395 275968</b>.</p>	

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

### Here are some dates for your calendar:

Week Beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Grounds Week.

Week Beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: SATs Week.

Tuesday 21st May: visit from the Exmouth Community College staff

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Beach Day.

### Teaching assistants:

The teaching assistants working with Year 6 are:

Mrs Osborn, Mrs Field, Mrs Smith and Mrs Griffiths.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Boatman, Mrs Eidam and Mrs Hughes