



I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break as much as I did; sunshine, family, relaxation – just what the doctor ordered. Now, it's nose to the grindstone. The final push to the SATs; cramming as much information and practice into their minds as possible. As usual, we will combine that with time for reflection, discussion, much-needed 'down time,' as well as other stimulating activities, such as the Digital Detox, which will – hopefully – balance out all the hard work. The SATs will take place on week commencing 13th May.

English

We will begin with recounts, before moving onto diaries, to document our struggles and inner strifes, while we are detoxing. We will continue with our twice-weekly guided reading sessions and we will consolidate our reading comprehension skills. Our daily GPS lessons have paid dividends and we will revisit several areas to ensure everyone is happy.

Maths

Statistics & Data handling: Pie charts, line graphs, timetables, and co-ordinates.
Word problems galore! And following all of that, a clinic to tackle areas where we are uncertain.
Should be fun! Lots of Revision!

Art

Our focus in Art will be enlargement. Using grids, we will work carefully to enlarge some pencil drawings before moving onto a larger and more detailed project.

Other Information

Following the SATs week, I will be asking the children what THEY would like to do – activity-wise – for the remainder of this academic year. Baking, craft, art and projects have already been mentioned.

Science & Computing

Our Science topic this half term will be 'Electrifying'! We will start by looking at the scientific use of symbols for components in a circuit, before moving on to create and modify our own electrical circuits. In Computing we will be finding out how networks work, including the internet and the world wide web.

PHSE

We will return to the strand 'Living in the wider world,' as we continue to contemplate our step into KS3.

PE

Your child will need a fully *labelled* PE kit – including correct footwear – in school for these days in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up during PE.

Topic

Later in the half term, we will begin to look at 'The Americas,' studying the Geography, the Economics and the Culture.

Important Dates this half term:

Monday 6th May – May Day bank holiday.
13th to 16th May – SATs week.
INSET day– Friday 24th May (school closed to pupils)



Transition to High School

Now we are entering the summer term, we have begun the transition to KS3 and are preparing the children for the 'next steps.'

As part of the Holmfirth pyramid of schools, we directly feed Holmfirth High school and are part of their transition plan. This involves a visit from their Headteacher in late May and the transition day visit to Holmfirth High for all pupils who are going there, on Tuesday 2nd July. We know that some children are heading to different schools and we will do our best to work with these schools on any transition plans. I have already contacted Honley High school (as we have become a regular 'feeder') and am expecting a visit from them after the Spring Bank Holidays. If your child is going to another school and you have any information regarding visiting days out of Netherthong, then please let me know asap, so that we can record them.

There will be several maths and English transition sessions, which we will teach in school and hopefully we will be visited by some teachers from Holmfirth High, to give the children more of a flavour of KS3 lessons.

I will continue to give your child all of the relevant information, but should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Mrs Johnson for more information.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mr Clayton, Mrs Johnson and Miss Kendal.