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Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Term 6 2019

Term 5 was an extremely busy term and Year 6 worked harder than ever to ensure they were well and truly prepared for SATs week. They worked incredibly hard and the whole Year 6 team were very proud of each and every one of them. We are looking forward to a very exciting (and very busy) Term 6 enjoying the children's last term of primary school. Please look carefully at all of the events listed at the end of this letter – there are lots of dates for your diary! 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** (this is especially important during the warmer months). 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 (cricket) and Wednesdays (mixed games).

HOMEWORK Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and collected on the following Wednesday. This term, homework will consist of weekly spellings, daily reading, regular sessions on Times Table Rockstars and a Homework Menu will also be provided. Although we will not be using the revision guides, please do still ensure you encourage your child to complete their weekly homework - it is particularly important in preparing them for secondary school. 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 thing is that your child reads regularly (preferably daily) and enjoys, and is engaged with, their 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 Rockstars is a fun, challenging, online programme designed to help pupils master the times tables!

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 username and login and shown how to use the website in class. If you have any questions about this please contact us.

Website: www.ttrockstars.com/

App: Search in your App Store for Times Table Rockstars

CREATIVE CURRICULUM Our topic for this term (continued from Term 5) is **Amazing Mayans!** We will be continuing to learn about the ancient Mayan civilisation covering a range of history and art/DT objectives. In particular we will be looking at weaving, completing our own DT unit inspired by this.

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CURRICULUM

Subject	
Maths	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 be exploring some algebra as well as continuing to develop our problem solving skills.
English	We will start this term by extending our study around 'The Jabberwocky', writing some of our own poetry and developing a narrative version of the poem.
Science	This term we will continue to investigate electricity. The children will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity – Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. Children will continue to have opportunities to develop their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it through designing and carrying out their own investigations. We will also be participating in an OPEN Science project around plastic use which involves the children deciding which material would be best to use for a shopping bag.
Computing	We will be continuing to learn about spreadsheets this term, 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.
PE	This term the children will be playing some different games with Ms. Abrey including Danish Longball and TriVolle. We will also be working on our cricket skills and implementing these in to a game situation.
RE	We will be exploring the big question – 'What makes some occasions in life significant and how and why are these recognised and celebrated?'
MFL	We will be looking at some more French vocabulary including clothing and what we wear.
Music/ Drama	We will be continuing 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

- Monday 3rd June @ 9am - SBS/DGS Transition Meeting in the hall
- Wednesday 5th June - Sex and relationships education
- Wednesday 5th June @ 3:20pm - Kilvrough Parents' Meeting in Class 14
- Friday 7th June - school closed
- Tuesday 11th June - Y4-6 Maths Problem Solving Webinar
- Tuesday 11th June - Growth Mindset Performance for KS2
- Thursday 13th June - Spelling Bee Finals
- Friday 14th June - non-uniform (donation required for the summer fete)
- Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June - Kilvrough
- Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June - Get Active Week
- Monday 24th June @ 6:30pm - Rising Year 7 Welcome at DGS
- Tuesday 25th June @ 6:30pm - Rising Year 7 Welcome at DGS
- Wednesday 26th June 9am - 11am - SEND Transition Morning @ Aureus (selected children + a member of LPPS staff)
- Wednesday 26th June 1pm - 3pm - Parents SEND Transition Afternoon @ Aureus
- Saturday 29th June - Summer fete
- Monday 1st July - SBS/DGS Transition Day 1
- Tuesday 2nd July - SBS/DGS Transition Day 2
- Wednesday 3rd July @ 6pm - Rising Year 7 Welcome at SBS
- Thursday 4th July - Cake Crumbly (parent helpers also appreciated)
- wc 8th July - SATs results sent home to parents
- Friday 12th July - Reports home
- Monday 15th July - teachers available to meet with parents re: reports
- Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 Production (1:30pm & 6:15pm)
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 5/6 visit RAL (selected children)
- Thursday 18th July @ 9:15am - Leavers' Assembly (light refreshments to follow)
- Thursday 18th July - Leavers' Party after school (collect at 5.15pm).
- Friday 19th July - Term ends at 1:15pm

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 a very exciting final term!

Thank you for your continued support,

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