



Year 6 Summer Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break and we would like to thank you for sending your children to Easter Booster, which seemed to be a positive event for the children involved.

Summer Term is a very busy term, especially in Year 6. Moreover, it is an enjoyable and the most memorable term for Year 6 children, so we appreciate your understanding and support.

The coming weeks are filled with exciting events – a residential trip, leavers assembly, Year 6 disco, transition day just to name a few - and the compulsory SATs. We would like to remind you that all medical appointments need to be arranged outside of SATs week. In order to prepare your children for this occasion, please make sure that they have a good night's sleep and are in school early, at 8:30, as there will be breakfast served and children will do some warm-up activities (a separate letter will be sent home soon) . Since September, they all have been working very hard and it is a pleasure to see how seriously they take their learning and want to succeed.

KS2 SATs Dates 2018

Monday 14 May	English Paper 1: Grammar & Punctuation - 45 mins	English Paper 2: Spelling – 20 minutes
Tuesday 15 May	English Reading Test – 1 hour	
Weds. 16 May	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper – 30 mins	Maths Paper 2: Reasoning Paper - 40 mins
Thurs. 17 May	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning Paper – 40 mins	

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum, learning or events in this term, then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help you.

Mrs Barton, Miss Smith (6 Andromeda teachers) and Mrs Buckley (6 Pegasus teacher and Year 6 Leader)

Dates for your diaries

Monday 23 April	St George's Day – scouts/brigades uniforms to be worn
Weds 2 May – Weds 9 May	Book Fair
Thursday 10 May	(Stopsley High School – transition session 1)
Monday 14 May	SATs week
Friday 18 May	Special Royal Wedding Lunch
Friday 18 May	Y6 Heights and weights check by a nurse
Thursday 24 May	(Stopsley High School – 'Non-feeder school day')
Monday 4 June	RE week
Thursday 7 June	(Stopsley High School – transition session 2)
Friday 8 June	Non-uniform Day for exchange of gift suitable for adult male
Wednesday 13 June	Class Photographs – full uniform required
Thursday 14 June	Gift Sale for Father's Day
Friday 15 – Monday 18 June	Kingswood Residential Trip
Tuesday 19 June	Y6 morning trip for non-Kingswood children
Friday 22 June	<i>Singing Spectacular</i> school choir
Thursday 28 June	Writing Assessment ends
Thursday 5 July	Y6 Common Transition Day – children visit high school
Friday 6 July	(Transition Day Ashcroft High School)
Tuesday 10 July	Sports Day
Friday 13 July	Y6 Disco 7pm
Friday 13 July	Y6 reports go home
Wednesday 18 July	Y6 leavers' performance 6:30pm
Friday 20 July	Y6 Leavers' assembly

Core Subjects

English and Literacy

Reading: This term there will be a focus on reading comprehension skills and strategies to improve the children's comprehension of texts. Both classes have a class reader– "The Indian in the Cupboard" in 6A and "The Holes" in 6P.

Writing: The children will continue to have the opportunity to practise writing in a variety of genres, particularly after the SATs in early May when writing will become our main focus.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spellings this term will focus on the Year 5 and 6 spelling words. Before the Easter break, we sent the children home with a list of these words and asked that they revise the ones they are unsure of. In Grammar and Punctuation, we are revising and revisiting areas of weakness – types of adverbials, expanded noun phrases, different verb forms.

Maths and Numeracy

The next few weeks will be devoted to preparation for the SATs. Each group will be focusing on areas of the curriculum specific to their needs. Children will be using past papers to help apply their understanding of worded problems and to use their reasoning skills. We will continue to look at strategies to support both mental and written calculations in preparation for the arithmetic paper. After SATs, children will have the opportunity to develop their problem solving skills, concentrating particularly on systematic working out and careful presentation of findings.

Science

Our first topic for this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance', which will see children learning about characteristics and how they are passed from parents to their offspring. We will explore how animals and plants adapt to their environments to enable them to survive and be successful and will then move on to looking at the evolution of living things. Pupils will also find out about Charles Darwin and his theories around evolution. The second topic for this term is 'Animals including humans'. Children will be taught to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood; to recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function and to describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Foundation Subjects

Topic (History and Geography): The children will be learning about the Ancient Maya civilisation. In Geography, they will be exploring the topic 'Extreme Earth' and learning about extreme climates, tsunami, earthquake and other weather phenomena.

Art and Design Technology: In Art, children will learn about abstract art. They will study and produce work inspired by W Kandinsky. Their DT work will be creating a savoury dish.

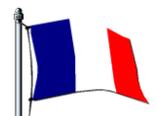


Music: The drumming lessons with Billy and Clive continue this term.

Physical Education and Sport: The children will spend much of their time developing their Athletic skills outside as well as a few games of tennis, rounders and football. Please ensure children have their full kit and a water bottle if the weather is warm.

Religious Education: The children will be exploring topic 'Fairness and justice in the world' and learning to answer a question 'How can we make the world a better place?'

French: French this term will involve revising 'Leisure', 'Holiday' and 'Food' topics. Children will be creating sentences around them as well as revising language learnt in Y5 and Y6.



Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

The children will be learning about Emotional Health, Puberty and Growing Up, Transition and SRE (Sex and Relationship Education). We will be sending out a separate letter regarding the last topic.

Homework

Year 6 should read daily at home for at least for 15 minutes and have their Home-School Book signed weekly.

Maths homework is due on **Monday**. **Reading comprehension** homework is due on **Wednesday**. **Spelling** homework and **Grammar and Punctuation** homework are due on **Friday**.

To help children to learn their number bonds and 12x12 multiplication and division facts, this website www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button has many games to practise these facts. Other useful websites are www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk and www.mathszone.co.uk