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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support in helping the children to prepare for their SATs. It has been great to see so many of you working alongside the children at our workshops and the support at home has been incredibly valuable. I am sure that you will join us in wishing your brilliant children all the best for their tests. They have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of their efforts.

After SATs, we will be focusing on Writing and dedicating more time towards the Arts, Humanities and Sciences. This letter will give you an overview of the areas we will be covering. We have Kingswood to look forward to (details on the presentation to follow soon), as well as preparing for the children's Leavers' Assembly. It is set to be a fun filled, busy end to a fantastic year!! As the term progresses, the children will spend time reflecting upon their time at Hatfield Heath and we will of course be supporting them in preparing for secondary school.

It is an important time for the children to practise and apply their writing skills as all their written work will go towards their final writing assessment. Teaching will continue to focus on the accurate use of grammar and the application of a wide range of sentence types and punctuation across a range of different genres of writing. The children have been producing some fantastic creative writing linked to Shakespeare's play Macbeth. They are currently writing Police Reports into the death of King Duncan. The children will also continue to receive weekly reading lessons with a focus on inferring meaning from a range of texts and answering written questions accurately. Following SATs, our attention will focus on further developing the children's enjoyment and breadth of reading. We will spend time sharing texts and reading for pleasure individually, as a class and in small groups.

In Maths, as well as revising key skills and concepts, we will be focusing on some new areas of learning. This includes interpreting information from line graphs, pie charts and time tables, calculating volume, solving problems that involve ratio and proportion and calculating the 'mean' from a set of data. We will also continue our daily times tables practice and 'fluent in 5' sessions where the children practise a range of arithmetic questions for five minutes each day. Home learning will continue to focus on practising arithmetic skills. As always, we will continue to work with the children to help address any gaps in their knowledge and understanding leading up to and beyond the SATs tests.

In Computing there will be a significant focus on E-Safety. As children have greater access to smartphones at secondary school, their online environment and exposure to social media and the internet will inevitably open up. We will focus on preparing the children for the dangers or issues that they may face so that they have the tools to deal with these situations and a developing understanding as to how to use the internet safely and appropriately. Topics will include protecting their online reputation, understanding what images are not appropriate to share, using social media safely and recognising cyber-bullying. Information will be shared with parents as we teach these areas.

In D&T the children will design their own Hatfield Heath Leavers' bags. They will learn how to sew a range of stitches. In the design process they will research ideas for the decorative details and materials that they would like to use for their bags. They will then apply their sewing skills to help them create their bags. Our D&T unit on gears has also been carried forward to this term. In Art the children will learn about Pop Art and they will create their own piece based on the style of Andy Warhol, which will represent an aspect of modern culture.

In Geography the children will be developing their mapping skills. They will learn how to read an ordinance survey map, looking at symbols and using six and four figure grid references to locate features on maps. They will begin to point out and discuss what patterns maps show, such as road patterns or the distribution of villages and towns. They will also explore Hatfield Heath and the surrounding areas through Google Earth. Following a field trip around the village, the children will create a sketch map of Hatfield Heath, learning how to use reference points to judge size, scale and distance and to include the symbols used in ordnance survey maps.

In PSHCE we will carry out a unit on 'drug education', which will revisit and develop children's understanding of medicines, alcohol and nicotine and their effects. It also explores children's awareness of solvents, illegal drugs, people who choose to use drugs and laws relating to drug sale and possession. In our 'personal safety' unit children will review their safety rules, practise problem solving, develop strategies for resisting peer group pressure and also how to recognise and deal with risk. They will also explore the need to look beneath the surface, and not be misled by information and appearance. This will link to our E-Safety work. This term also sees the continuation of our Sex and Relationships unit, which began in Year 5. We will be arranging a meeting with parents before teaching this unit to discuss the content, to answer any questions that you may have and to support you in responding to any questions from the children as a result of the teaching. A letter will also follow.

In P.E. this term the children will be learning skills in fielding (with a particular focus on throwing) and batting and applying these in games of rounders. Due to the poor weather last half term, we have carried our hockey unit over to this term and carried out a unit on dodgeball last half term. The children will also be swimming twice a week after half term in our brand new pool! We will focus on exploring alternative swimming disciplines such as synchronised swimming, water polo and lifesaving skills.

In French the children will be learning the names of school subjects and school equipment.

Our Science topics this term will be 'Electricity' and 'Animals including humans'. The children will learn how to represent their electrical circuits as technical diagrams and they will develop a deeper understanding of how components can function in a circuit. The children will develop a deeper understanding of the workings of the circulatory system and they will explore the impact that diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle can have on their body and health.

In Music the children will be writing and performing their own raps around the theme of anti-bullying. They will learn how to rap their lines to the rhythm and to add expression to their performance. As always, there will also be some special musical performances at the Leavers' Assembly!

Please could you ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school. Children will also need trainers for PE; it really helps to have a set that they can keep in school. PE will normally be on Monday and Wednesday but this can vary. Home learning will continue to be set on Thursday/Friday and due in on Wednesday.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead! Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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