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<u>Year 6</u> Summer Newsletter



A very warm welcome to all our parents and carers of Year Six children. We are really looking forward to having an exciting Summer Term with your children. This is a very busy term for Year 6 with SATs, transition preperation for secondary school, a show to prepare and a Leavers' Assembly to put together! On top of all of that, there is still a great dealing of learning to do! The learning superpower for this half-term is curiosity.

PE

Our PE days this term will continue to be **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that the children bring their PE kits in on a Monday every week and take it home on a Friday. Last term we had many children who did not have their kits with them. It is important for the children's safety that they are wearing appropriate clothing, so please ensure they have the correct items. The topics for this half term are throwing and jumping skills and rounders.

<u>English</u>

In English, we will be consolidating all of the skills that we have learned over the past two years. We will look at a range of texts, including videos, and will produce both fiction and non-fiction writing. Later in the term, we will look at creating atmosphere in our writing and writing for suspense.

Reading

Please continue to support your child, to encourage a love for reading. We expect them to read out loud **to an adult for at least 10 minutes each evening**. It is really important that you are asking questions about what the children are reading to ensure that they are comprehending the text. Please support this process by writing a short comment and signing in your child's reading record. Our focus text for guided reading lessons this half term will be Kensuke's Kingdom.

<u>Maths</u>

In Maths, we will be continuing to complete the Year 6 curriculum with the focus moving to volume, measures, and statistics, including learning about averages. We will also continue to consolidate all of our learning from earlier this year with frequent opportunities to practice arithmetic skills, reasoning and problem solving. Many of our afternoons will consist of extra fluency sessions leading up to SATs. After this point, we will focus on skills that will help prepare pupils for their secondary education.

Science

This term, we will be learning about Electricity and Circuits and Circulation and Lifestyle. We will be combining theory and practical work and learning all about scientific enquiry.

Geography

During the summer term, we will be learning about global challenges, focusing on trade. We will be learning about natural resources and how they are distributed, Fairtrade and sustainability across the globe.



During our PSHE lessons, the children will have the opportunity to think about and discuss "Relationships" and "Changing Me". We will be thinking about what healthy relationships look like and how to support ourselves and others to have good mental health and wellbeing.

Art and DT

This half term, the art unit teaches the pupils to create expressive sculptures and to reflect on artistic decisions. Children will learn to represent memories through art using various materials and techniques and develop skills in planning, creating and evaluating 3D sculptures.

RE

Our enquiry question for the first half term will be 'Why is there suffering?' With a focus on Shinto, Buddhist, Sikh and Humanist worldviews. Later in the term, we will be answering 'What place does religion have in our world today?'

Computing

In Computing, our unit will be programming - sensing movement. The unit begins with a simple program for pupils to build in and test within the new programming environment, before transferring it to their micro:bit.

The Show

We will begin our work on the end of year show which includes, acting, singing, dancing, set design, decoration, costume and prop making. We will be choosing a show with excellent opportunities for those who love to perform and those who can use their creativity to help the production come together.

Homework

Every week, children will be given both maths and grammar homework. Each child will have a CGP Rising Stars workbook. A page will be chosen to complete each week. For maths, children will be given a homework sheet linked to their learning during the week.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to see us.

Thank you for your support, Miss Plane, Mrs Bird and the Year 6 Team



