



Year 6 Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the Easter holidays. Please find below a summary of the main learning areas during the next term and some general reminders.

This term is a very important one for Year 6, with SATs and transition to secondary school coming up. Please be aware that SATs week commences on 8th May (starting from the 9th due to the bank holiday), and the children will need to ensure they are in school promptly on those days (please see our additional letter about our SATs breakfast club happening that week). Information for secondary school transition will be sent out separately in the coming weeks, with Ernulf/Longsands information packs and pupil 'taster day' visits to be held at the end of June.

Homework

Homework for Year 6 will start with an initial focus on SATs preparation using the revision guides provided. All instructions have been stapled on the inside cover of the books, and if you have any problems please speak to your child's teacher. The homework needs to be returned every Monday and will be returned on Wednesday. After SATs, we will inform the children about our topic-based homework, and leading up to the end of year transition, there will be additional homework linked to this.

The children will be encouraged to read for pleasure throughout the summer term, and will be encouraged to keep up their arithmetic skills using Maths Whizz and TT RockStars.

P.E

During the summer term, Year 6 will be lucky enough to have a lot of PE sessions, so please ensure your child has their kit in school **every day**. The main session will remain on Wednesday afternoons, but there will be opportunities for additional activities. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear in school for both indoor and outdoor PE: PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts, black joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), and outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school). With the warm weather approaching, please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream (when necessary).

Topic

After SATs, our topic will be around the Ancient Maya, the classical civilization who lived in Mesoamerica (modern day Mexico, Guatemala and Belize) who rose to prominence 2000 years ago. The children will be learning about the culture, origins and main beliefs of the Maya, including the religion, plus using geography skills to find the location of the Yucatan. They will have the chance to explore the foods and traditions and the Maya.

We are looking forward to a busy but exciting term ahead, and if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. There will be fortnightly curriculum newsletters in which we shall keep you updated and informed about our learning, particularly with regards to English and Maths. We shall also provide any extra details you will need, such as changes to timetables, notifications, transition events, etc. There will be regular updates over the term on our Class Dojo and class page on the school website so please refer to those regularly.

Thank you for your continued support,

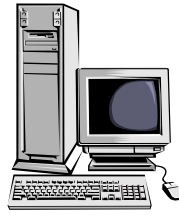
Mr Gross, Miss Smith, Miss Stokes and Mrs Lee

Summer Term Curriculum Topics for Year 6



Topic: Ancient Maya

Our topic this term will focus on the Ancient Maya. We will be looking at the Maya way of life, their beliefs, culture, religion and customs. We will be using many geography and history skills to find out about the history of the civilization plus geographical location of where they lived.



Computing

While improving skills such as word processing, using search engines, and programming, the children will evaluate the benefits and challenges of the internet. There will be a focus on appropriate use and how to stay safe online. We will also spend time looking at programming and coding.



Science

Our science topics for this term include evolution, where we look at evolution and adaptation including the origins of the Neanderthals and Homo Sapiens, before looking at the works of Charles Darwin. At the end of term, we will look at the Human body including human reproduction.



Art

Our art lessons will follow our learning in topic, with the children looking at Maya art, including mosaics, and looking at the still life drawings of artist Frederick Catherwood.



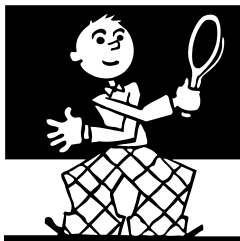
SMSC/PSHE

The focus of learning will be on British values including democracy, tolerance, mutual respect, freedom and rule of law, before learning about 'Milestones in Life' as the children move towards secondary school.



Music

The children have loved learning to play the recorder this year and we will continue to do this, with opportunities to use percussion instruments. They will also learn some songs for our end of term leaver's assembly.



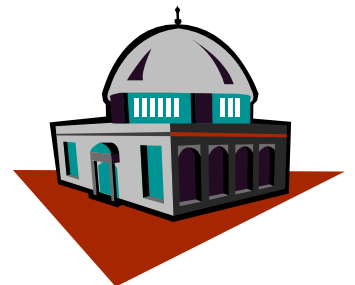
PE

This term we will be doing cricket and athletics sessions with Mr Franco. There will be several competitions this term including a half day DLPT



DT

Our technology this term will include designing and making a Maya mask using a variety of different multimedia.



RE

In RE, the children are learning about the different world religions, including Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism and Christianity. They will learn about the religions, key texts, places or worship and beliefs.