

Year 6 Newsletter

Summer 1 2024

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the term ahead.

We have started our build up to SATs. The SATs will take place the week commencing Monday 13th May 2024. It is vitally important that your child attends school every day and is on time as every day really does count! During SATs week, attendance and punctuality are crucial as taking the tests at any other time is really not ideal.

During this busy time, please be aware that your child is working very hard at school and needs time for playing, exercise and fun! If you do want to support your child, ask them to spend some time using their revision books. Our advice would be to use these little and often. It would be helpful if you could send your child to school having had an early night and a good breakfast. Your child would benefit from bringing a piece of fruit for break time and a water bottle, especially as the weather is getting warmer.

English

In English, we will be focusing on revising key concepts in grammar, such as the use of punctuation, word classes and tenses so that the children feel confident tackling the SATs paper. Our reading lessons will be targeted towards the main reading skills which feature in the tests, such as retrieval, inference and understanding the meaning of vocabulary. We will be practising answering test style questions in limited time frames to ensure speedy work during the tests. After the SATs, our focus will change to writing, where the children will be writing a story set during World War 2.

Our class text this half-term continues to be 'Once', which the children have really been enjoying. We encourage pupils to challenge themselves when they read for pleasure and this term is no different. Children should still be changing their school reading books regularly.

Maths

Each Maths group is working on different areas as they build towards the SATs. We will be revising key concepts and building the children's confidence when applying their understanding to reasoning questions. Some of the key areas that the children will be looking at are: fractions, decimals, percentages and calculation methods. The children should be aware of areas they need to improve and should use their revision guides to practise these independently.

Science

Our science lessons will focus on the properties of light. The children will investigate the colours that make up visible light and how light travels. We will end our unit by investigating which coloured plastic lets the most amount of light through.

PE Kit

The children will be developing their athletics and cricket skills throughout this half-term. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit every Monday and leaves it in school all week. We will be continuing to have PE lessons outside, so please ensure that your child has a water bottle, and possibly sun cream and a sun hat, on warm days. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE lessons for safety reasons, so please ensure they are able to remove earrings independently.

Computing

This half-term, the children will be continuing to develop their coding skills in Computing. Building on their understanding from last half-term, the children will have the opportunity to debug a variety of scenarios on Scratch.

French

In French, the children will explore language related to the weather. They will learn key vocabulary about the topic and how to use it within a sentence by asking and answering questions.

PSHE

Our topic for this half-term is 'Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing'. During this stressful time, it is important that the children show awareness of their own mental health, as well develop practical ways they can support it.

Keep up the good work and please let us know if you have any concerns.
Thank you for all your support!

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