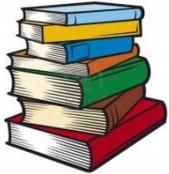


Year 6
Summer Term 2018

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday and the children are feeling refreshed and motivated for what will be a busy and varied term.

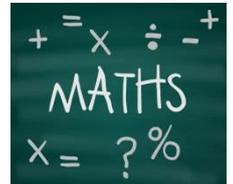
English



We will focus on reading comprehension and test technique in order to be fully prepared for the reading SAT in May (Monday 14th May- Thursday 17th May). Children will read a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry and answer questions in timed sessions. They will be expected to comment on the use of language, structure and to compare and contrast themes. We will continue to develop the use of P.E.E. (Point - Evidence - Explain) to respond to the texts we read. Our writing sessions will be used to consolidate features of a range of genres, such as reports, arguments, letters, diaries, short stories, leaflets, information texts and speeches. The grammar and punctuation work will revise all aspects of the KS2 curriculum: word classes, correct use of apostrophes, tenses, sentence structure as well as active and passive sentences. In preparation for the SATs in May, pupils will also experience SATs style questions and papers.

Mathematics

In order to prepare for the SATs in May we will continue to review the properties of numbers (square, cube and prime numbers, factors, multiples) as well as ensure children are confident using all four operations and written methods. We will complete our work on 2D shape by exploring position and movement on the x and y axes, using co-ordinates to plot changes as a result of translation, reflection and rotation. This will give us an opportunity to recap negative numbers in the context of the four quadrants. This will lead to problem-solving using a range of graphs, including pie charts. Finally, we will discover how we can calculate and use averages in our daily lives.



Science: Evolution and Inheritance

First there was the big bang! Then life began on Earth 3.8 billion years ago. But when did humans arrive and where did we come from.....? Children will find out how living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will learn about variation and adaptation and will explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will look closely at scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.

Computing

Last term, the children were introduced to software called Kodu. This term, they will continue to find out how coding can be used to program. This will then be used to create simple commands within a game of their choice. Children will also work on their own presentation about their life at Brookfield Primary.

Topic

On **Friday 11th May**, we will be having a visit from Hobgoblin Theatre Company, who will perform an interactive World War 2 drama called 'Thompsons War' to finish our WW2 unit. Also this term, the children will be learning about the Maya civilization and will also be building upon their Geography skills learning about North America.

RE

Our work focuses on Hinduism. We begin by reading stories about the Hindu Gods, and relate this to Hindu beliefs. Children will also explore Hindu approaches to life and will compare this to their own beliefs and customs.

PSHE

Much of our work will be to prepare the children for their move on to secondary education. We will explore any concerns the children may have, and consider ways of solving problems when at high school. Children will also prepare a special leaving assembly for the end of the year. We also have our annual visit to the Sutton Life Centre; here, children will look at making sensible choices when faced with risky situations. We will be sending a parent mail out to confirm the date of this visit.

Internet Safety:

We will explore how aware pupils are of the different forms of social media and phone apps that are available and commonly used. Pupils will identify potential risks and explore what they can do to keep themselves safe.

Home Safety:

A fully fitted apartment with a kitchen, dining room, living room and bedroom. This area covers healthy eating, fire safety, and how to manage issues such as domestic violence, broken families, cyber-bullying and online friendship.

PE

Children will be participating in athletics lessons developing their speed and stamina. They will strive to improve on their personal best across a range of athletics activities including sprints, relay changes, hurdles and speed bounce. After SATs the children will also have the opportunity to improve their general fitness levels by taking part in the mile-a-day challenge.

First Aid and Life skills week

The children will be learning about what to do in a situation where basic first aid is needed. This includes: bleeding, choking, recovering position and CPR. This will take place in the week beginning **Monday 11th June**. During this week the children will also be looking at healthy lifestyles and basic dishes that can be made at home.

PGL week

Some children are going to a **PGL Activities Centre at Marchants Hill, Hindhead** for a residential trip from **Friday 22nd June- Monday 25th June**.

Sex Education

We will be delivering three fifteen minute Channel 4 programmes about 'Living and Growing'. The programmes are entitled 'Changes', 'How Babies are Made' and 'How Babies are Born'. I will be giving parents an opportunity to watch these three programmes on **Friday 30th June** in Quartz. Hopefully this will prepare you for any questions your children may ask. This unit enables children to make comparisons with their own development and to reflect upon their own relationships in a positive way and will take place in single sex groups. The children will be having this unit in the week beginning **Monday 2nd July**.

A separate letter will be coming out nearer the time, however if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to make contact via the school office.

Transition

Much of the work the children do in the summer term will be put into a transition folder, which they will share with their new secondary school teachers. It is very important to keep the children focused and motivated so that they have a happy time with us and their peers during the final term.

In addition, once SATs are over, we will be having a variety of visitors talking about transition and preparing pupils for their move to secondary school.

Attendance:

KS2 SATs

As you are all aware, KS2 SATs are approaching (week commencing **Monday 14th May**) - a timetable can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. We have been busy helping the children revise and prepare for the tests and they have been working incredibly hard. During the week of the test, please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Children **MUST** complete the tests on the stated dates. In the event of illness on the day of the test, please ring the office as soon as possible. There is a slip at the end of this newsletter that you need to complete and return to us to acknowledge you have seen and understood this. The children can bring some fruit or a healthy snack bar for break time and a water bottle to keep them hydrated during the tests themselves. A Year 6 SATS breakfast will be provided from 8.15am Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May.

Key Dates

WW2 Theatre Show Friday 11th May
SATS week Monday 14th May- Thursday 17th May
SATS breakfast 8.15am Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May
Class Photos Wednesday 23rd May
PGL talk to parents and children Wednesday 23rd May 6pm
Year 6 Chessington World of Adventures Trip Thursday 24th May
HALF TERM Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June
Year 6 Life skills Week Monday 11th June- Friday 15th June
PGL Friday 22nd June- Monday 25th June
Sex Education discussion with parents Friday 29th June at 3.30pm in Quartz
Sex Education Wc 02/07/18
Sutton Life Centre visit (date tbc)
Year 6 Leavers' Party Tuesday 17th July 6-8pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Thursday 19th July at 1.45pm
End of Term Friday 20th July, 2pm