



Burwell Village College Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Summer 2019

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Reflections and Looking Forwards

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fantastic break and the children are looking forward to last leg of the primary journey. We are very much looking forward to our final, busy term with Year 6. Our focus for the start of the term will be the SATs tests but these will be followed by an emphasis on the application of writing skills, preparations for secondary school and the Year 6 Leavers' Production.

SATs:

We are extremely pleased with, and proud of, the progress that the children have made this term. However, we know that the SATs can be a stressful undertaking for the children so if you have any questions or concerns about the SATs please come and let us know.

Please remember that if you would like to talk to us the best time is straight after school. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to meet us via the school office. If you have any messages in the morning, unless it's important to see a member of staff, please send in a note with your child.

Summer Term

English

As the build up to the SATs continues at pace, children will work at the level appropriate to their ability, whether they are in their main class or groupings. There is a high expectation for the children to take responsibility for their own learning and improving their work.

There will be a continued focus on preparation for the Grammar Spelling and Punctuation (GPS) test as well as the Reading Comprehension test. Children should concentrate on learning and practising spelling rules for their homework.

Once the SATs have been completed, our focus will shift to building evidence for the children's writing portfolios. This will involve revisiting text types that we have already learnt and practiced while applying all of the high-level grammar skills that the children have developed over the last eight months.

As part of our preparation for the Year 6 Leavers' Production, we will also be building upon the children's speaking, listening and drama skills.

Maths

As with English, the preparation for SATs continues at pace. The objectives include:

- Check answers by using inverse operations and learn tests of divisibility.
- Solve problems associated with money.
- Further work on fraction, decimal and percentage of a number and conversions from one to another.
- Recognise, estimate and measure angles.
- Transformation of shapes on a grid and around a point.
- Further work on calculating areas of regular shapes and compound shapes (including perimeter and volume).
- Developing mental strategies.
- Extracting information from and drawing graphs & charts.

Science

The children will be completing their studies of the theory of evolution and how it can be supported by fossil records.

Topic

We will be continuing our topic 'Back to the Future'. We will continue to answer the question 'How has life in Britain changed since 1948?' This will include more historical enquiry and also an art focus.

ICT

Children will be designing and building a prototype of a product they have created that fills a specific purpose. They will be using a range of inputs and outputs combined with their coding skills.

PE

The focus will be on athletics, in preparation for the Pentathlon trip to Bottisham and Sports Day, plus rounders skills. We hope to be able to enjoy the summer sun as much as possible and so would kindly ask that children bring a sun hat and a bottle of water with them every day.

PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)

Relationships and Sex Education – Growing up and Changes. The session will focus on the reproductive system and the parts of the male and female body, as well as how the sperm enters the female body in order to fertilise an egg. More information will follow later in the summer term. In collaboration with Bottisham and Soham Village College, we will also be considering the emotional impact of the secondary school transition.

Music

The focus will be on preparation and performance of the Year 6 Leavers' Production. This will focus on melody, beat, rhythm and pitch. We will also focus on breathing techniques and voice projection.

Homework

There will no longer be any formal homework tasks however all students are expected to lead their own practice and revision of spellings in the run up to SATs. Following that, they will be expected to learn the songs and lines for the production.

Dates for your diary

Bank Holiday Monday – 6th May 2019

SATs week – 13th to 17th May 2019

School photos – Thursday 23rd May 2019

Term dates:

- Half Term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2019
- Back to school: Monday 3rd June 2019

Key Stage 2 Sports Day – Monday 24th June 2019

Soham pupils Induction Visit – Thursday 4th July 2019

Bottisham pupils Induction Visits – Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July 2019

Reports to parents – Wednesday 17th July 2019

Y6 Production – Monday 22nd July 2019 – Time TBC

Year 6 Final School Trip to Curve Motion – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Last day of term: Wednesday 24th July 2019

General Information**School Uniform:**

All items must be named: white or blue shirt; blue & white checked or striped dress; school sweatshirt, navy cardigan or sweater; grey trousers or shorts; navy or grey skirt or trousers. School uniforms can be ordered and paid for via the school website.

Outdoor P.E. kit to include warm top, tracksuit trousers and trainers.

Water bottles and a sun hat are essential!

There are links from the school website www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk which enables parents to pay for school meals and school trips via Worldpay.