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Dear parents and carers,

Just two weeks into term and I cannot believe how much we've got through already!

Year 6 Rivers Field Trip

'On the 25th of April 2018, Year 6 classes (6GM and 6ME) went on a trip to Knapp and Papermill Nature Reserve. Year 6 classes took turns to measure length, width and velocity of the Leigh Brook.

We also examined pond pollution levels by using nets to catch different varieties of fish, insects and many more animals by using a key, which determined the pollution levels – all clear!

We are pleased to say that all children from Year 6 greatly enjoyed this trip – despite the torrential downpour of rain and hail! We highly recommend you visit this nature reserve with family and friends!'

Report by Howie and Ana



Year 6 River Study

'On Wednesday 25th April, Year 6 went to Knapp and Papermill Nature reserve as we have recently been learning about the features of a river.

After a short coach journey, we arrived and were given a brief welcome and then divided into groups to begin our tasks. 6ME started by measuring the width, depth and speed of the river and 6GM began by collecting information about the pollution level of the river depending on the insects that lived inside. After lunch, the classes swapped activities.

Despite our immense efforts to stay dry whilst in the river, the downpour of rain and hail didn't help. Finally, after a quick change, we gladly got back onto the coach-out of the rain. As soon as we were all in,

the downpour cleared up and the sun came out. Typical British weather!

We had a really great time and we recommend the nature reserve to you.'

Report by Jasmine and George S



Year 6 River Study

Sun safety and sun cream

We've had a few queries about our policy on applying sun cream, particularly for the younger children. Our school policy is that we expect parents to apply sun cream to their children before they come into school. Children may also bring sun cream into school to top up during the day if required, but they must apply it themselves. This is with the exception of children in our Nursery, Pre-school and Reception classes, where an adult may apply sun cream with written permission and instruction from a parent. If sun cream is sent into school with a child it should be minimum SPF15, and must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Full details of what we require can be found on our Sun Safety Policy, which is available on the school website.

[Community links](#)

Metta's Little Mermaid- The Circus Sensation

Discounted tickets for Somers Park families.

Our Year 6 children have been invited up to the theatre to take part in circus workshops next week. The theatre company have also offered all our families a discounted rate; see below:

*Using the code **MERMAID7** they will get the tickets for £7 for any performance of Metta's Little Mermaid at the Forum Theatre in Malvern- 1st - 5th May (tickets usually cost between £11.50 - £26.50).*

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before it becomes mandatory in 2020. This assessment will take place online and will test the children's knowledge up to the 12 times table.

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Times Tables Rock Stars

Quick recall of times tables is fundamental to so many aspects of maths. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly, and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics later on in school. This is why we have sought out a resource to support the children's learning.

On Wednesday, children from Years 1- 6 will have brought home their login for Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a simple online programme, which enables children to practise their times tables in a safe and competitive way. As the children become faster they earn rewards; enabling them to personalise their avatar and achieve a greater Rock Status... starting at 'Wannabe' status where answers take an average of over ten seconds each, all the way through to 'Rock Hero', where responses average less than a second each... super fast!



Times Tables Rockstars in action!

Times Tables Rock Stars can be completed on a computer or a tablet. Children will also be given some opportunity to share their skills with their friends through some additional practise in school. Children can earn certificates as they move up through the levels and we will be celebrating the success of those children who perform particularly well.

For information: In March 2019, children in Year 4 across the country will be the first to sit a new Multiplication Tables Check,



Year 4 have been planting potatoes

Castle Point Badges

We know how proud the children are when they achieve the next milestone badge for earning Castle Points, and also how disappointing it is when a badge is lost.

If your child has lost their Castle Badge (Bronze, Silver or Gold) then a replacement badge can be purchased.

*Your child needs to bring in 50p in an envelope with their name, class, castle and which badge they require, **to be handed to their class teacher.** This will be checked and a new badge will be issued.*

Thank you.
Mrs. Dawson

Have a super weekend!

Best wishes

Chris Hansen

Community Links

Malvern Well Dressing and Water Festival

Dates: Saturday 5th May to Monday 7th May 2018.

Theme: Year of the Woman.



There will be a Health and Wellbeing Fair, daily minibus tour of the Wells, Arts and Food Market, Donkey Procession and Big Splash Monday.

Details on www.visitthemaalverns.org



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