



Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you've all had a lovely, relaxing Easter.

We are all very excited about the term ahead as it is shaping up to be very busy and full of fun!

The term starts with the Year 5 enrichment week (w/c May 6th) followed by SATs week (w/c 13th May). On the Friday of SATs week, Year 6s will be going to 'Fun Farm Friday' (letter to follow). We also have an exciting trip to the National Gallery in London planned for 23rd May where we will have the opportunity to look at some of the pictures that we discussed in our 'Framed' English topic.

As part of our new topic, 'Source to Sea', we will be acting as geologists and looking at how rivers change as they move towards the sea. We will have the chance to go down to the River Meon (mapping its course) and conduct some field-work as well as use our enquiry based learning approach to study the Nile. Our art topic will involve creating willow fish which will link to our river topic.



In English, we will begin by writing stories based on 'The Lighthouse' animation and we will also be looking at an inspirational sporting video as a stimulus for another piece of writing.

In Science, we will spend the term exploring 'Animals Including Humans' which will also have links to river environments.

In DT we will be designing and creating bridges (with a set criteria list as an extra challenge!) This will be linked to our post SATs Maths topics where we will be developing our concepts of angles and measurements in a practical context.



And last, but by no means least, we have the Yr5/6 summer production. This will be a fantastic experience which the children are sure to love.

Helping your child at home

The summer reading diaries will be going out soon. We encourage children to continue to read a range of texts over the summer term as this will have a huge impact on both their reading and writing in school. Listening to your children read, for all children, is really important as this will help to build their understanding. You can also share what you like/dislike about the book and have discussions about the various characters.

Learning the 12x12 tables fluently will also be hugely beneficial to children so continue to encourage practising these. Not knowing these is one of the biggest barriers to learning in maths.

In order to help with the smooth running of the Summer Production, we ask that children take the responsibility to learn their lines and song words over the half term and onwards so they have the confidence to get fully involved in rehearsals and embrace their roles.

Finally, enjoy the sunshine!

(Please turn over for information on key dates)

Dates for the diary Year 5 and 6

Year 5 Enrichment Week –Tuesday 7th- Thursday 9th May

Year 6 SATs Week- Monday 13th May- Thursday 16th May

Year 6 Fun Farm Friday Trip – Friday 17th May

Year 5 and 6 National Gallery Trip- Thursday 23rd May

(please note,

this will be longer than a normal school day)

Year 5 and 6 SRE Parents Meeting- Thursday 13th June

Whole School Sports Day- Thursday 20th June

Year 5 and 6 SRE – Monday 1st July (Yr5&6) and Tuesday 2nd July (Yr6)

Year 5 and 6 Production- Matinee Tuesday 9th July.

Evening Performances Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July.

Whole School Parent Open Afternoon- Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers Party- Monday 22nd July evening

Year 6 Leavers Service- Tuesday 23rd July am

Thanks again for all of your support,

The Year 5/6 Team



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