



Year 6 Newsletter

Summer 2017



Welcome back to the Summer Term and all that lies ahead! It is incredible how fast the year has gone, how much we have done together and all that we are still going to do! Thank you for supporting us - working with the children at home etc, it is really appreciated. Dare we say that with all the forthcoming activities we may be tested to the limit! The SATs, end of year production, the class "Business Launch", school journey, a fun day out and a parent/pupil social are just a few of the excitements to come. The class is working extremely hard and making good progress as they mentally prepare themselves for the transfer stage.

Mrs Kemp will be teaching Year 6 Monday to Wednesday, with Mrs Noble teaching on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Turley will continue to cover PPA time on Fridays from 1.15-2.15 pm, enabling the children to develop their spelling skills.

The purpose of this letter is to outline some of the main curriculum plans for the class and to draw your attention to any specific dates. The normal Year 6 structure will be maintained as far as possible, with homework being sent home every Friday and to be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest.

One of our big upcoming events is the School Journey to the Isle of Wight. The adults attending are: Mrs Kemp, Mrs Turley, Miss Woodhouse and a HIU member of staff. More detailed information about the week will be sent home in separate letters at a slightly later date.

SATs tests are obviously a dominant feature on the horizon, during the week of 8th May. We will send you a letter, with a copy of the SATs timetable, for you to share with your child. Please try very hard not to absent your child during SATS week and to make sure they arrive at school in good time each morning; this will help to relieve the pressure as much as possible. Early nights will help too! Many will experience mixed emotions about the week - nervousness, excitement and fear and they will probably need additional TLC at home. We will be doing our best to keep a balanced curriculum, but obviously there are preparations that need to be made for the children to feel confident and competent. **Please encourage your children to revise/use websites eg BBC Bitesize, as these will help to consolidate their knowledge and skills.** In Maths we will be revising aspects of shape, number skills and more problem solving, alongside ongoing revision of data handling, ratio, graphs and investigational work. In English we will continue with guided reading and grammar work linked in with our writing, in a variety of genres. During the second half term of this term our English topics will be drama, oral presentation skills and creative writing.

The class production, which we hope you will come to watch, is called "Toad of Toad Hall". It is a huge part of our Summer curriculum and all pupils will be involved in varying capacities, but we are sure you will understand that not everyone can have the lead roles



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Science work will be learning about aspects of the body, plant life cycles, animal categories and substance misuse (including smoking and the effects it has on the body) and Healthy Living and Sex Education. More information about the Sex Education will follow.

Secondary transfer issues will be the focal point of PSHE, alongside the Science aspects. The Year 7 tutors from the various secondary schools will be coming in to Maple to meet with the children, Mrs Kemp and Mrs Noble. Once we know all the dates, we will inform the children when they will be meeting with their specific tutor.

The children will also be doing a First Aid Course and having a Magistrates Court workshop to help their learning about Citizenship.

This term each pupil will begin an individual topic on an ancient civilisation, alongside Geography worked linked to the Isle of Wight School Journey.

Tuesday and Friday will be our main PE days, but with the glorious weather we hope to have, we hope to increase our PE lessons whenever possible, so please make sure that uniform kit is in school for the whole of the week. Cricket, rounders and athletics become a priority this term, alongside some dance work for the production. The daily mile run will continue. Year 6 have already used the wonderful new long jump pit which the PTA have financed!

Mrs Turley will continue to support Year 6 throughout the term. Mrs Angel will continue to teach her group until the SATs are over.

Please double check your email for letters this term, as there will be lots to come with the many events and activities. Watch for the class news by following us on Twitter! The school website also has a lot of information on.

The Summer Term can be a little worrying for some children in Year 6, with all the changes and apprehensions ahead. Although we cannot wave a magic wand, we do hope that you will let us know if there is anything we can do to assist in making this term as positive, smooth and as happy as possible for your child.

Wishing you all a wonderful, sunny Summer, and again, thank you, for you continued support.

The Year 6 Team



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Some key dates:

Open Evening -26th April 5:30pm - 7:30pm
SATs practice paper - week commencing 18th April
SATs for real - 8th -11th May
School Journey -22nd - 26th May
Year 6 Business Launch - Thursday 15th June
Magistrates workshop- Tuesday 11th July
First Aid training- Friday 14th July
Yr 5&6 production 11th and 12th July (7pm)
Visits to secondary schools - Thurs 13th July
KS2 Sports day - 17th July (pm)
Yr6 parent/pupil social - 17th July (6pm - 8pm)
Treat day for Year 6 - Thursday 20th July
Leavers/KS2 disco - 20th July (7pm -8.30pm)