



# Year 6 Newsletter



## Summer 2019

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 Bowen teaching on Thursday and Friday. Mr Tyler will continue to cover PPA time for Mrs Bowen on Fridays from 1.15-2.10 pm, enabling the children to develop their computing 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, Mrs Angel and Mrs Moloney (who is 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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, comprehension 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 "A Grimm Night for Hans Christian Anderson". 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



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can have the lead roles - sadly!

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 Bowen. Once we know all the dates, we will inform the children when they will be meeting with their specific tutor.

The Business Launch on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June is also a big part of the children's curriculum, using their entrepreneurial skills to raise funds for their end of year hoodies. We would appreciate your continued support in helping the children to make, buy and prepare their items to sell, whether it be cakes, jewellery items, origami etc.

The children will also be doing a First Aid Course, having a visit from the Hertfordshire Lieutenant and having a Magistrate's 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. All to be completed at school not as extra homework!

Wednesday 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 run/ exercise will continue.

Mrs Turley will continue to support Year 6 throughout the term and will run an Early Morning Maths group on the three Thursdays until SATs. Specific invites have been sent home with your child. 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 @mapleschoolyr6. The school website also has a lot of information on.

The Summer Term can be a little worrying for some children in Year 6 and some will be apprehensive about the changes that lie ahead. Although we cannot wave a magic wand,



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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 your continued support.

The Year 6 Team

Some key dates:

Final SATs practice papers - week commencing 29th April

Open Evening - 1st May 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SATs for real - 13th - 16th May

School Journey - 20th - 24th May

Year 6 Business Launch - Friday 28th June

First Aid training - Wednesday 10th July

Yr 5&6 production 9th and 10th July (7pm)

Visits to secondary schools - Thurs 11th July

KS2 Sports day - 15<sup>th</sup> July (am)

Magistrate's workshop - Monday 15th July

Yr6 parent/pupil social - 15<sup>th</sup> July (5.30-7.30)

Staff rounders match - Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July

Treat day for Year 6 - Thursday 18th July

Leavers/KS2 disco - 18th July (6pm - 8.00pm)