

Year 6

Summer Term Newsletter

April 2024



Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely break. We are really looking forward to another positive and hard-working term with the class, with lots of learning and fun! We are very mindful of making sure that this summer term is a positive and enjoyable experience for the children as they come to the end of their time at Maple School.

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 usual Year 6 teaching structure and routines will be maintained as far as possible, with homework being sent home every Friday and to be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest.

SATS will take place this year between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May.

In Maths we will continue to revise the four rules of number, alongside ongoing mental maths and multi stepped problem solving.

In English we will be focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and the examination of the key features of various types of writing. As well as developing ongoing comprehension skills, part of our weekly work will also involve aspects of grammar and punctuation which will help to continue the development of the children's writing. Spelling will continue to be taught, with the spelling list that was sent out before the Easter break (list 3 will be the first to be tested). Our Guided Reading focus after half term will be 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. The children will need their own copy of this text to refer to in class and at home. It does not need to be a new copy or particular version, a second-hand copy will be suitable.

There will be a Geography focus for the first part of term on 'British National Parks'. After $\frac{1}{2}$ term we will be focusing on History again.

In our Science work we will be learning about Electricity, Healthy Living and Sex Education. A separate letter will be sent later detailing the Year 6 Relationship and Sex Education Unit.

In Art we will be completing our Graffiti topic (weather permitting!) and undertaking a project called 'Express Yourself' based on self-portraits .

Secondary transfer will be the focal point of PSHE. We will be using the Links resources to support this topic. During the term, Heads of Year or Tutors from the children's future secondary schools will be visiting. This will give us and the children an opportunity to meet with them and talk about the transition. Once we know all the dates, we will inform the children. We are also taking part in the Positive Minds project run by Watford Football Club

Cricket, athletics and swimming become a priority this term in PE, alongside some dance work for the production. The daily run will also continue.

In Design and Technology we covered our food technology topic yesterday by a trip to Pizza Express where we made our own Pizzas. I'm sure you heard all about it! Our other theme is pulleys and gears where the children will explore the use of pulleys and gears and work in groups to design, make and evaluate a machine to transport an object.

The class production will be shared with the children shortly. 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 - sadly!

We will also be allowing the children to participate in the much loved Business Launch where they market games and products and then set up their own stalls and sell their products/experiences .

We understand that 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, 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:

School Journey information evening (parents only) 30th April (7pm)

Key Stage 2 SATS Week: 13-16th May

School Journey Norfolk Lakes: 20th May -24th May

Year 6 First Aid Course: 11th June

KS2 Sports Day: 17th June (am). Reserve 24st

Frozen Theatre Trip: 4th July

Year 6 Production: 8th& 9th July

Business Launch :12th June

Secondary Transition Day: 11th July

Year 6 Parent and Pupil Social: 15th July

Staff vs Year 6 Pupils Netball Match: Date to be confirmed

KS2 disco: 17th July

Last day of term: 19st July (1.30)