



Year 6 Summer Term 2021 Information

Welcome

Welcome to your child's final term at primary school. We have an exciting and full term planned which will include transition activities to prepare your children for secondary school, an out of school visit (hopefully), a performance and the traditional Y6 BBQ /end of year festivities.

Literacy

Literacy sessions will take place each day. Writing, including complex sentence construction and grammar, will be a focus and taught through a variety of teaching sequences, using texts including Pig Heart Boy and Holes. There will be cross curricular links with our Cornerstones topics Darwin's Delights and Frozen Kingdom. Daily Lexia activities will develop the children's reading comprehension skills, spelling ability and handwriting.

Maths

Maths sessions will take place every day. These will be taught using the Power Maths scheme where pupils will be encouraged to consolidate their understanding of the following areas: ratio and proportion, properties of shapes including angles, problem solving all areas of maths and statistics. In addition, we will be revisiting previous learning that was identified in the children's assessments just before Easter.

Cornerstones Topic

We will be continuing with our topic of Darwin's Delights. This has been an exciting journey with Charles Darwin and his crew on the HMS Beagle. We'll retrace Darwin's steps using maps and create sketches of the plants, flowers and animals that he encountered. The children will focus on the Galapagos Islands and consider issues of natural selection, inheritance and genetics, and undertake research about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries. Following this, we will move on to Frozen Kingdom: using globes and maps, we'll identify the polar-regions, comparing the Arctic and Antarctic. We will develop our knowledge of the Poles, looking at similarities and differences, whilst focusing on climate, settlement, population, animal life, plant life and seasonal change. We will research about ice-bergs and glaciers. Then, we will investigate the tragic story of RMS Titanic and find out about the people on board. What were conditions like aboard the 'unsinkable ship'? How was the accommodation different for rich and poor people? Finally, we will find out about Scott of the Antarctic, going on an adventure to discover what his expedition was like.

PSHE (including Relationship, Sex and Health Education)

In our Jigsaw **Relationships** topic, we will look at the following elements: how important it is to take care of our mental wellbeing; understand that there are different stages of grief and that there are different types of loss that cause people to grieve; judge whether something online is safe and helpful for me and use technology positively and safely to communicate with my friends and family.

More information will follow about our topic **Changing Me**.

Key reminders

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the classroom for drinking throughout the day. They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.

Packed Lunches: We have peanut allergies in school so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

School Dinners: Please ensure you book your child's school dinner by Friday midnight for the following week. If your child does not eat enough school lunch we will send a note home to inform you.

Medication: Please let us know if your child has to take any prescribed medication at school. There is a green form for you to fill in so that we can administer it. We can only give prescribed medication and the medication must have the prescription label on. Please phone the school if your child is off sick. If you have a medical appointment please let the office know.

Birthdays: If it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their home clothes. Please do not bring cake/sweets.

Parent helpers: We would normally love Parent Helpers but unfortunately, we cannot have parents into school at the moment.

Key dates for the Summer term

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half-Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Last day of term: Tuesday 27th July

We will notify you of other dates in due course.

Thank you for your support,
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