

Year 6 Summer 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable break. Here is an outline of what we will cover over the next half term.

Year 6 Summer 1	Key question: Why were the Greeks so influential? Great work: Plan and implement a 'Mini Olympics'.
Topic	Our topic this term is the Ancient Greeks. We will begin by reading some of Aesop's fables and transferring these into a play script. We will then continue by discovering the journey of Odysseus and the mythological characters he meets on his journey.
SATs	SATs begin on May 13 th and continue every morning and finish on Thursday of that week. Please reassure your child if they are anxious; our opinion is that this is their chance to show everyone what they know. We want the children to approach these tests positively and confidently. There is plenty of revision happening to ensure that your child can do their best, but this is within the normal curriculum timetable so that all activities such as Art, P.E., RE and Topic continue as normal.
English and Maths	For the first three weeks of term, pre-SATs, we will revise aspects of English (non-fiction texts, reading comprehension, the grammar, punctuation and spelling test and non-fiction writing) and Maths (covering most areas of mathematics with a regular focus on arithmetic skills).
RE	Our unit of work is 'Understanding faith in my local community'. We will consider the faiths and beliefs in our class and school, before considering the faiths held in our borough and wider community. Children will think about how faith and belief may have changed over time in our community as well as how our lives may have been enriched by the diversity of faiths in our local area.
Science	Our science topic this half term is 'light'. We will begin by labelling the different parts of the human eye to explain how it works. The children will then use the concept that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Finally, we will investigate why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
Computing	In Computing, our unit of work is "We are Publishers" and we will be producing a flyer to accompany our Mini-Olympics event.
DT	We will be designing and making clay vessels inspired by daily life in Ancient Greece, for example a perfume container or an urn for serving drinks.
French	Linked to our Mini-Olympics, our conversational French will focus on discussing sports that we like and holding a discussion about a sport event.
PE	Indoor P.E. has a dance focus (using our Ancient Greek topic as inspiration) and outdoor P.E. will develop athletics skills, culminating in displaying our prowess at our Mini-Olympics. PE days are unchanged this term: 6Z: Thursday and Friday 6P: Wednesday and Thursday 6NS: Thursday and Friday
PSHCE	This term we will be discussing body image. The unit of work aims to enable children to engage with the challenges which they are currently facing and may face in the future with regard to body image. It aims to help build self esteem, the components of which are: a sense of self – who you are and what you like; a sense of belonging – knowing you are accepted by groups and a sense of personal power – what you are good at and how you can influence others.
Music	In music next half term we will be focusing on the song 'You've got a friend' by Carole King. We will be discussing the meaning and the message that the song is sending out about friendships. We will use different musical instruments to reciprocate the tune and get a chance to compose our own tunes.
Key Dates	Tuesday 7 th May – Celebration of Life Service 13th – 16th May SATs week. GPS – Monday. Reading – Tuesday. Maths – Wednesday and Thursday. Monday 20 th May and Tuesday 21 st May: DT days Wednesday 22 nd May and Thursday 23 rd May : Mini Olympics

Homework: we will continue to give out homework on a regular basis to support the children's preparation for SATs. This will be based on areas that we feel need further support following our revision sessions.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

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