



Year 6 Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Amethyst, Indigo and Violet Classes

Welcome to the Summer Term

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back after Easter. All three classes have settled back in really well and have made a good start to the summer term. It has been lovely to see them working hard and enjoying being back among their friends. Below, we have included information about the different subject areas that we will be covering this term.

Curriculum

Maths

This term in maths, the children will be gaining a better understanding of statistics by applying skills they have learned already in order to read pictograms, bar charts and line graphs and pie charts as well as how to calculate the mean average. We will also focus on shape involving recognising or measuring angles and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Daily marking and regular formative assessment will inform our planning and ensure that we cover all the areas needed.

English

In the first few weeks of the summer term, the children will be revising key aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar, from standard and non-standard English to consolidating our knowledge of word classes such as determiners and prepositions. Our first writing unit of the term will be a flashback story based on a short film called 'The Piano'. Later on in the term, we will be learning about and writing our own play scripts. Each week, we will cover a particular spelling pattern and focus on a set of Y6 spellings. Our Destination Reader text for this term will be Michelle Magorian's 'Goodnight Mr Tom.'

Science

Our science unit this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and how this adaptation may lead to evolution. The children will learn about the work of Charles Darwin, particularly the findings of his expeditions to the Galapagos Islands and how his theories have contributed to our scientific understanding. Finally, we will learn about some of the ways that we can prove living things have changed over time, such as studying fossils of species that lived millions of years ago.

History & Geography

In Geography this term, we are learning about Trade and Economics. This will focus on established trade links from the UK to other countries in and out of Europe, as well as looking at the benefits and importance of fair trade. Our History topic is the African Kingdom of Benin. In this unit, we will learn about the establishment of the kingdom and how they developed their historical civilisation. We will be looking at the primary sources left behind following the destruction of the kingdom and how we can use these artifacts to learn about their way of life.

Enrichment (French, PE)

In PE, we will start with netball and basketball as the children solidify their skills and use them in more competitive practices. Moving onto cricket, the children will develop the 3 main skills of bowling, batting and fielding, as well as learning rules and tactics. In summer 2, the children have three taster sessions where they get to practice sports we don't usually play - table tennis, golf, rounders and volleyball. To finish the year, we develop our racquet skills for short tennis as the children play more structured and competitive tennis games.

In French, the children will be learning about the French-speaking world (La Francophonie) and also about transport methods. They will learn numbers 60-100 and see how the number system differs from English. Later in the term, they will be choosing a famous French-speaker and writing a short biography about them. They will also be participating in a French Cafe at Rectory Gardens and may have the opportunity to serve the pastries and juice.

Religious Education

This term, our RE focus is on 'The journey of life and death' and 'Why is liturgy important to Christians?' We will enjoy spending time in church, and with members of our school church team, to explore these questions. In our RSHE lessons, we will be learning about relationships and how they change and grow. We will focus on both mental and physical health, about showing respect, and having healthy and happy relationships. During the summer term, we will place a large emphasis on preparing the children for their secondary transition. We have found in the past that the work that we have done successfully prepares children for a smooth transition to secondary school.

Homework

Homework over the next few weeks will focus on preparing the children as best as possible for the SATs assessments that start on May 9th. As always, reading each evening is one of the best ways that children learn to understand the world and become good writers themselves, so please do ensure that your child/ren do this independently, or with you each evening. If you have any questions about homework and how you can support your child, please do get in touch with us.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, summer hats, plimsolls, water bottles etc. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Wednesdays**. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience, which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Now that the weather is becoming warmer, it is important that the children drink as much water as possible so please send your child to school with a named water bottle daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#).

Mobile phones

- If your child needs a mobile phone (Years 5 & 6 only), it must be clearly labelled, switched off before they enter the school premises, and handed in to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Friday 5th May: King's Coronation Tea Party
- Monday 8th May: King's Coronation - Bank Holiday - school closed
- Week commencing 8th May: SATs
- 15th-19th May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June: half term – school closed
- Monday 5th June: children return to school as usual

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us before or after school, or make an appointment via the School Office.

The Year 6 Team