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Dear Parents,

I trust you all had a lovely break over Easter and are looking forward to the exciting terms ahead as we approach summer. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our SATs information meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3:05pm.

## Year 6 Summer Curriculum

### English

We will be covering a range of genres starting with work on journalistic writing, focusing on newspaper articles. We need to be working on starting sentences in different ways and using a variety of punctuation and conjunctions. We will also be covering narrative (story writing), while working on this, we will be trying out different ways of starting sentences encouraging the children to use and choose exciting vocabulary and developing how we describe settings, characters and atmosphere. After our narrative writing, we will begin persuasive writing, using a more formal style of writing.

In addition, we will continue to offer as many opportunities for meaningful and high-quality writing as we can across our non-core subjects. This will include writing in RE, Science and topic work.

The children will continue to have grammar lessons each week as well as being encouraged to apply what they are learning in their reading and writing. In their spelling lessons, the children will continue to learn "Wow" words, as well as have a chance to investigate and explore spelling patterns.

The children need to know the features of many genres of writing and particularly need to understand and be able to work with formal and informal writing. Guided reading will support the work we do in writing. Please ensure that your child is reading every day- ask them about the characters in their books, talk about what they like and dislike and encourage them to write book reviews.

### Mathematics

In Maths, we will be revisiting our work on number and developing our understanding of larger numbers (up to 10 million) and place value (including decimal numbers). We will also continue to revise our arithmetic skills, which will consist of the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; and solving questions using fractions and percentages. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to apply their mathematical skills to a range of problems, including multi-step worded problems, which will involve them unpicking and understanding what the questions are asking. We will also be developing our knowledge of shape and the vocabulary needed to identify the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, as well recapping ratio, proportion and algebra.

### Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In our PSHE lessons, we will be looking at domestic abuse, criminal responsibility and child exploitation. These lessons will involve discussions based on scenarios along with learning about the laws around some of these topics. As part of the children's transition to secondary school, we will be discussing friendships, dealing with change and techniques to support mental health. Finally, we will be looking at healthy relationships, grooming and online safety as part of our 'real love rocks' topic.

For more information about the other subjects your child will be learning about, please visit Google Classroom and take a look at our Knowledge Organisers.

## **WHAT HOMEWORK TO EXPECT AND WHEN**

Homework is designed to support, develop or extend skills taught in class.

- Homework will now be given out on a **Friday** and is expected back in on the following **Thursday**. I am seeing a lot of children forgetting to bring in their homework or bringing in homework which is incomplete. Please can this be rectified immediately.
- As the children get closer to the end of Primary school, it is a good idea to help them to get into the habit of doing their homework as soon as they get it, ready for Secondary school where the children will receive multiple pieces of homework to complete.
- If your child forgets their homework or is absent, they need to take responsibility for their learning and collect a spare homework sheet from the classroom.
- We run a homework club every Monday for any children who have questions about their homework.
- Weekly homework consists of an English, Maths and a grammar or spelling task.
- Please make sure your child is reading every night!

## **WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD**

- Asking about what they are reading.
- Making sure that if your child finds the homework too difficult that they come and speak to us themselves before the deadline. It is not a good idea for you to do your child's homework for them as this is not helping them and will not prepare them for the homework in Secondary School.
- Checking that your child knows all their times-tables. Please visit Times Tables Rockstars for extra practise.
- Checking the Blog (Google Classroom) for revision pointers for the week.

## **PE DAYS**

In terms 5 and 6, both of our PE sessions will take place outdoors on Monday afternoon and a Friday morning. Please can you make sure that your child has the appropriate kit for each lesson and that if your child has their ears pierced, that plasters are provided from home to cover these, or alternatively they are removed on PE days. Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Newman