

YEAR 6

SUMMER TERM TOPIC LETTER

What are we doing this term?

LITERACY – We are looking at story writing and how writers use adjectives, adverbs, powerful verbs, simile, personification and metaphor to add description and paint pictures in a reader’s mind. We will also be focussing a lot on spelling, punctuation and grammar as we prepare for the SATS tests in May.

NUMERACY - We will start by looking at drawing and measuring angles, angles in a triangle and around a point and improper fractions amounts and percentages. We will look at ratio and proportion and converting between units e.g. km and m. We will obviously be practising a lot of SATs questions, particularly 3 step problems. Times table knowledge is essential for many areas of maths and any help you could give your child, practicing their tables at home, would be of great help to them. **(Maths is all about confidence! knowledge of number facts, and other maths facts, breeds confidence.)**

Please also ask questions like: “What time will it be in 40 minutes time?”

Science - We will starting to look at electricity.

Geography – We are studying life in St Lucia: why people visit it and related environmental challenges

ICT – We are using the internet to create multimedia presentations of St Lucia.

ART – We will be designing and making souvenir St Lucia clay plates.

DT – The children will be designing and making felt animals for a “St Lucia gift shop”.

PE – **We will have gymnastics coaching on a Wednesday afternoon and normal PE lesson on a Friday afternoon when we will look at cricket skills, athletics and rounders.**

RE – We will be finishing our work on the Passover and the Eucharist and looking at “Who is Jesus?” We will then learn about Ascension and Pentecost. Later, we will look at People of Faith.

PSHE – We are finishing “Good to be me” and will then look at relationships and Changes (as prep. for High School). As usual, we will have a series of sex and health education lessons similar to the coverage in Y5.

LEARN TO LEARN – We will have regular discussions about how we learn in different ways and how to help ourselves to achieve our very best.

In Year 6, we aim to.....**REACH FOR THE STARS!**

Homework

As in previous months, the children will receive homework every week on a Friday. This will include learning past SATS maths questions, times tables and regular reading. Children also have their spelling booklet (they should do 10 minutes per night) and also their SPAG booklet with grammar exercises (Do the ones you feel you need practise at!) Use the CGP Maths booklet, to revise key skills and to learn number facts such as how many days in a fortnight...how many grams in $\frac{3}{4}$ of a kg.

Home Reading

We are very grateful for the support we get from parents with reading. You really make a tremendous difference. In Year 6, the emphasis is particularly on comprehension. I would be grateful if you could continually question your child about the story and discuss the meanings of words. Please could you use the reading record book to comment, from time to time, on your child's understanding and fluency, particularly at the end of the book. Children can of course fill in the record themselves when they are reading on their own.

SATS WEEK - Week beginning 14th May

POST SATS... It's nearly here!

- We will have a lot more flexibility to do some mini projects and also prepare for the many "leavers" events during the final few weeks - more information to follow!

Safer Cycling- w/b 21st May Bikeability- w/b 11th June

Minydon 29th June-2nd July

Leavers Disco - Wednesday 11th July

Joint service with Mere Brow and Rufford school Leavers-Thursday 12th July

Y6 talent Show- Afternoon of Monday 16th

Leavers' Lunch - Wednesday 18th July

Leavers' Service- Friday 20th July

Useful Websites

Woodlands Kent – great for many subject areas but particularly for times tables practice “Hit the Right Answer”.

BBC Bitesize KS2

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