



English: We will be starting this half term with a focus on reading comprehension and grammar in preparation for the forthcoming SATs. Following this, we will be looking at explanation texts which are designed to inform the reader. We will then be writing our own explanation texts based upon our ongoing work in geography and science.

Maths: In the run-up to SATs week, we are concentrating our learning on the revision of arithmetic procedures and ensuring children are as accurate as possible with fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be recapping all other areas of maths. Further to this we will then be looking more closely at 3D shape, time and statistics.

Geography and Science: This half term we will aim to complete our geographical study of South America. We will then move onto the science-based topic of the human heart and circulatory system. This focuses on the function of the heart and lungs and how to keep our hearts healthy. We will also look at healthy eating where the children will explore what a healthy and balanced diet looks like, how and why the body needs vitamins and nutrients and how what we put into our body affects how it functions.

Visits and enrichment:

The DARE project will be continuing this half term. This programme is led by Lucy Charalambous, an SBA police officer, and focuses on providing children with strategies to deal with challenging situations they may face as they grow up. We are also hoping to organise some fun-filled visits for after the tests are over. More details will follow once these are confirmed.

Home learning: Please see the yellow sheet sent out at the beginning of the year. In addition to this, as the Year 6 tests draw near, children will be given Maths and English tasks to reinforce any school-based learning.

Spelling: We are currently focusing on the statutory Y5/6 words from the National Curriculum. The children will need to practise these spellings and although they will not be regularly tested on them, we will be looking for them using the correct spelling in their written work.

Reading: Reading regularly at home is crucial to ensuring children's progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 6 is that the children read at least three times a week at home, for a minimum of one hour in total. It is important that your child's reading book and reading diary come into school **every day**. They must also remember to complete a reading quiz after every book.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: Please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday and keeps it here for the duration of the week.

Library Day: All children in Year 6 will visit the library every week on Wednesday. Please ensure library books are in school on this day.

SATs Week: Monday 9th May- Thursday 12th May. Please ensure your child sleeps and eats well during this time. As we mentioned during the SAT's parents' meeting, we will be providing toast for the children in the morning should they chose to come into school a little earlier. We will open the gates at 07:20 and ask that those who wish to have breakfast here are in by 07:30. Please could all Year 6 children be in school by 07:40 am during this week. This will enable us to calm the children and get them well-organised before their first test begins.