



Our learning this half-term:

English: We will focus our attention mostly on spelling, grammar and reading skills initially in the half term. We will be specifically looking at skills to support the pupils in skimming and scanning quickly to retrieve information from the text and will focus on using evidence to support explanations when answering the trickier 3 mark questions. We will also be writing linked to stimulus from Literacy Shed and other relevant video clips.

Maths: We will start the half term revising the year 6 curriculum content for maths (which has now been fully covered) to help ensure the pupils are as ready as possible for the SATs assessments during the week of Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May. We will also focus on problem solving and reasoning in maths as well as statistics and shape, space and measure.

In other subjects: In Art, we will continue our learning about the artist Henry Moore, with a particular focus on his WW2 work and his use of perspective. We will then also be learning about lino carving and lino printing, working towards our Enterprise activities which will include producing and selling cards amongst other things. We will also try to ensure the pupils have PE during the week – please ensure PE kits are in school everyday to help us to re-arrange PE slots around the Bank holidays.

VISITS AND ENRICHMENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 12th May: End of SATs celebration event. We will be visiting the bowling alley to reward the pupils for all of their hard work! More information regarding this will follow.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Year 6 National Curriculum Assessment Dates: This year, the tests (commonly known as SAT's) will take place between Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th May 2023. Please avoid booking any family holidays for this time. As discussed during the parent's meeting recently, year 6 will be invited into school early during this week to enjoy a calm and relaxing breakfast with their peers. This will be provided, and funded, by the school. (A separate letter will be sent about this nearer to the time).

Homework

Homework continues to play an important role this half term – both preparing the students for the SATs assessments and also to prepare them organisationally for the homework they will receive in secondary school. We will continue set tasks for both English and mathematics using the various SATs Buster books already given out to the students.

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in by the following Wednesday. They will record the pages that have been set in their reading diaries.

In addition to their set homework children have spellings from their log to learn. Please also encourage your child to practice their tables (and the related division facts) in order to improve fluency.

Additional information

Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 6 is that the children read, at home, at least three times a week for a minimum of one hour in total. The children need to use their Reading Diary to keep a record of their reading and also complete regular accelerated reader quizzes. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection' which the children should be completing.

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day and a sun hat as the 'no hat, no play' school rule will come into effect as the weather improves. Please also ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep and rest over the coming weeks as well as a healthy breakfast before school to ensure they are ready to learn. We cannot wait to see what the end of our year 6 journey has in store for us!