



Year 6 Newsletter Summer 2018

Easter Holidays

We hope that your child has a fantastic break and that the great behaviour and positive attitudes shown by all during the first two terms will continue throughout the year.

Summer Term Curriculum

English - The children will be writing for a range of text types including: biographies and explanation texts. There will be focused work on preparing for SATs, and pupils will be regularly assessed in both reading and spelling and grammar.

Maths - The children will study all aspects of Mathematics, including shape and space, data handling, problem solving, place value and arithmetic. The children will need to ensure they know each times table (up to 12). Pupils will again be assessed each week in both written and mental maths and feedback given in order to prepare each pupil for SATs.

Topic - This term we will mainly be studying Science and RE in the run up to SATs; followed by a cross curricular project (Monarchs since 1066) and preparation for the school production. We will be focussing on religious leaders in RE, and in Science we will look at fair tests within the subject of electricity. In DT we will make pizzas and the packaging that it could be bought in.

Opening Minds - This term we will be focussing on 'morals and ethics'. The skill will be taught during the RE lessons. Pupils will be discussing how their morals and their beliefs affects their behaviour and how they treat others.

Dates for your Diary and General Information

SATs - SATs will take place during the week beginning May 14th. In the run up to SATs please ensure your child revises maths methods and problem solving, and works on reading skills each evening. Please ensure that your child is using the revision books to help to prepare them for the assessments. Pupils will sit two maths reasoning papers (all without use of a calculator) and one arithmetic test, one reading paper, one grammar paper and a spelling test. Thank you in advance for your support in the run up to this most important time of the year for our year 6's!

Trips - The children in year 6 during the summer term will be attending plenty of trips! We will be taking a trip to Boscombe beach as well as heading into central London to see the sights— more information will be given nearer the time.

When we visit London pupils will be catching the bus to Uxbridge and the tube to Piccadilly Circus. The afternoon will consist of a walking tour, whereby the pupils will visit the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace. The day will also consist of lunch and games at Green Park.

Pupils will also have the chance to visit a local park and go Bowling. Each trip will be preceded by a letter containing the full details.

Spring Recap: Junior Citizens - Pupils visited Brunel University where they experienced numerous real life situations and learned how they can take part in their community, and how to stay safe in real life situations. It was a great trip and lots was learnt...even by the teachers!



SATS Dates 2018:

Monday 14th May - Spelling and Grammar

Tuesday 15th May - Reading

Wednesday 16th May - Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 and Reasoning Paper 2

Thursday 17th May - Maths Reasoning Paper 3

SATs Tips for Parents/Carers

Tip 1: Remember your child's education is a partnership. Meet with their teachers as they will know your child's strengths and weaknesses, and ask them how you can help (parents evening is a great opportunity for this).

Tip 2: Support your child with homework tasks and daily reading. Try drawing or acting out answers of difficult concepts.

Tip 3: Encourage your child to work to speed. Try timed recall of timetables in the car/journey to school. Set min challenges for example - 'can you find the word on the page that means 'dangerous' you have 1 minute - go!' 'What is 10% of 150? You have 10 seconds - go!'

Tip 4: Make sure your child is aware that getting stuck is not a problem. Move on and give them another challenge and come back to the hard ones at the end and/or go through it together.

Tip 5: Encourage your child to believe in themselves, 'You can do it!'

Tip 6: Remind your child that the tests are important, but that they are not the only way they are to be measured. We don't want child panicking or worried, we want them to be prepared.

Tip 7: Approach a subject from lots of different angles. Software, games, activities, books, flash cards and practical applications all help. Make the revision time at home as fun and interactive as possible.

Tip 8: It is easier said than done, BUT do not put your child under too much pressure. Have fun - they will find things easier to remember if they recall the good times they had learning.