



**KEEP
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IT'S
ONLY SATS**

A word from us...

Welcome back, everyone. Hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for summer term of Year 6, our last term together!

Children will continue to bring home a reading book and a library book to enjoy. Children should be encouraged to read for at least ten minutes each night. We ask that reading diaries are completed and brought into school each day so that we can monitor how well your children are doing. Children are able to change their books whenever they are ready to but should alert an adult first so that we can keep a record of the progress they have made.

Spellings will continue to be taught daily in school and children will work on their 'Focus Five', which are individual to them.

Please continue to encourage children to use Timestable Rockstars to practise their tables as often as they can – it will help with all areas of Maths.

SATs revision books will continue to be sent home, as homework, for the coming weeks. Your support with these books is much appreciated.

Year 6 will continue to have PE on a Wednesday and swimming will be on a Friday. Children should come into school in their active PE kit on these days – information about what is expected in terms of PE kit can be found on our school website.

Please make sure that children have a water bottle each day filled with fresh water. Children will have access to refills throughout the day, as needed. Please do not send children into class with juices or fizzy drinks.

If you have any questions / concerns, please feel free to let us know. Best wishes to you all!

English

For the first part of this half term, children will spend time revising for their SATs. They will be revising spelling, grammar and punctuation rules from across their time in KS2, through quizzes, games and lots of practise activities. They will also be revising the different reading domains (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and sequencing). Later in the half term, children will be writing in different genres and for various purposes, to continue to build their collection of written pieces.

Art & Design

The children will look at the work of three important artists, seen as post-impressionists: Cezanne, Van Gogh and Gauguin. The children will replicate this patchy brushwork, using collage to create their own picture of a mountain.

Science / STEM

During our science lessons, children will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. They will be building on their knowledge of classification (from Lower Key Stage 2). They will consider the characteristics of animals, plants and micro-organisms, and how living things are classified. They will explore the work of Carl Linnaeus.

Humanities

This half term, our History learning will be on the Cold War. The children will consider how it differed from World War I and II. They will learn that the Cold War was a period of tension led by the capitalist superpower, the USA, and the communist superpower, the USSR.

In our Geography lessons, we will finish studying North America, before moving on to South America. The children will learn about the physical and human features, the Andes mountains, the significance of Machu Picchu and the challenges caused by human interaction with the Amazon rainforest.

Maths

This term, children will be exploring a range of areas through their maths lessons. They will be developing their understanding perimeter, area and volume. We will also be revising the methods to use to answer arithmetic questions in the most efficient ways.

Computing – Children will investigate spreadsheets and begin to learn the basics of blogging.

Music – Children will listen to and appraise songs around the theme of 'You've got a Friend'. They will also sing and compose.

MFL (French) – Children will learn how to discuss the date, days and months using basic French words and phrases. They will then learn the vocabulary needed to discuss pets.

Religious Education – Children will be exploring the idea of salvation and what the resurrection of Jesus means to Christians. We will also study Judaism.

PE / Games – Children will take part in dance lessons, on the theme of Carnivals. They will also take part in swimming lessons.

PSHE: This half term, we will be learning all about healthy relationships, mental health, love and loss.