

Class 6 Newsletter – Summer Term

I hope you all had a great Easter break and are looking forward to the new term. This newsletter is to let you know about the things your child will be learning this term and how you can support them.

SAT update - the SATS will begin Monday 14th May and will take place throughout the week. We will be running a breakfast club beginning at 8:30 to help relax the children and give them the best start to each day. Please ensure all children arrive promptly for school.

On Tuesday afternoons we will be continuing with our music lessons (Rock It) with Mrs Bough and will be practicing for our end of term exams.

In the second half of the term we will be rehearsing for our leavers play and hope the children put on as good a performance as they did at Christmas.

Homework will be SATs based and continue to be given on a Friday. Tasks will be set that will contribute towards children progress.

The topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians. We will be using maps to locate regions of Egypt and the significance of the locations of the Pyramids. What is it like to be an archaeologist? We will look at the experiences of Howard Carter and write our own diary entries about how we would feel. To gain first-hand experience we will be taking a virtual tour of the British museum to view artefacts associated with the time. A study of the most important Pharohs and an in depth look at the Gods will link to written work. We will be writing our names and short messages in hieroglyphics and will be making a cartouche out of clay.

LITERACY - The children will be focusing on different genre including many non-fiction based texts, script writing and reports and will complete a set of writing activities related to the key assessment focuses for the end of Year 6 expectations. We will continue to place a lot of emphasis on grammar and punctuation with specific reference to the use of clauses, adverbials and correct use of the colon, semi colon and dashes. In spelling we will be focusing on a variety of different rules looking at patterns which will include double letters, compound words, and words containing common suffixes, prefixes and ones with silent letters

NUMERACY - This term we will spend time recapping the four rules of number. We will learn about ratio and proportion, algebra, statistics including different

forms of graphs and measures (time) This should help the children to develop their confidence before SATs. Also they will be focusing on arithmetic questions to prepare them for the first of the maths SATs papers

SCIENCE - This term the children will be learning about light, completing a series of investigations looking at how light travels in straight lines and how it is made up of 7 different colours. In the second half term the focus will be on the human body The children will be learning the key vocabulary associated with this topic and planning their own investigations about the effects of exercise on the heart, which they can then carry out and evaluate and draw conclusions from.

Games will continue on a Wednesday. They will be learning how to play Kwick Cricket. The children will need outdoor kit. PE will be on a Friday afternoon and the focus will be Fitness and Athletics There will be a chance to look at developing an individual training plan to tailor activities for each child.

Competitions - There will be a number of sporting competitions for Y6 to be part of including Kwick cricket and Tri Golf.

In RE will study the life of Jesus and discuss why we have leaders and the qualities that make a good leader.

High school transition days have been set and letters will be coming out to parents shortly identifying all the dates and details of the day.

If you have any queries about these please contact the relevant High School

After half term we will be attending Whitemore Lakes Outdoor Adventure Centre $(25^{th}$ - 27^{th} June) For more details there will be a meeting addressing this visit

Year 6 would like to invite you to a parent event on the 13th June where we will complete a selection of team building and circuit / fitness based activities that link with the PE the children have been doing this term.

If you have questions about anything featured on this newsletter than please do not hesitate to contact me, my email is staff25@croft.staffs.sch.uk.
Thank you

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