

# Year 6 Bears Newsletter-Term 6

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after half term - I hope you all had an enjoyable break and managed to enjoy the sunshine. It is hard to believe we are in the last term of the school year and the children will be moving on to secondary school soon. I will continue to teach the children all week except for Tuesday afternoons when they will be taught by Mr Packer for PE and Mrs Berry for RE. Mrs Jones and Mrs Goode will continue to support in class.

This term is a very busy one as we build up to the end of the school year, with lots of events going on - Sports Day, Year 6 production, sponsored bounce, secondary school transition visits and leavers' assembly. Now SATs are over, there will be much more of an emphasis on the foundation subjects, and writing for the first few weeks, which will be used for teacher assessment.

## Outline of the curriculum

### PE

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday and Thursday** afternoons. The children will focus on athletics in preparation for Sports Day, as well as cricket, rounders and dance. Please ensure children bring trainers for outdoor PE lessons and that all PE items are named. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for lessons.

### RE

We will continue with a focus on Sikhism, looking at the 5K's and their importance and symbolism to Sikhs, as well as the Gurdwara as a place of worship. This will include a visit to the Gurdwara in Gravesend, which you have already received information about.

### History

The children will be completing a study of a non-European society providing a contrast with British history; we will focus on the Maya civilization.

### Art

We will link our art into our history topic on the Maya civilisation, looking at and creating Maya masks and mandalas. We would be grateful if you could send in an old CD as soon as possible to use as part of this artwork.

## **PSCHE**

The focus for PSCHE will be Sex and Relationships Education. We will revisit puberty that was taught in Year 5 and then move on to sexual intercourse, reproduction, contraception and the responsibilities of being a parent. If you would like further details on this please feel free to contact me. We will also complete activities to support transition to secondary, hopefully helping to alleviate any worries or concerns.

### **Secondary transition**

Secondary school staff will come to visit both myself and the children over the next few weeks. This is a valuable opportunity for the children to find out a bit more about their new school, get to know some of the staff that will be working with them and for us to share any important information to ensure a smooth transition.

### **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set every Thursday, to be handed in the following Tuesday, although this will now be more informal in style and is likely to be project type tasks which last over several weeks - if this is the case your son or daughter will have the details in their Home School Contact book. Please also encourage your son or daughter to learn their lines for the production, as well as the song words.

### **Year 6 production**

This year's production is called 'Olivia.' Due to the large number of children involved, this year we will be performing on the stage at the village hall. Set in Victorian times, the story follows the steps of Olivia, from downtrodden orphan to star of the stage. On her journey to the bright lights of London, she is befriended by Eliza Doolittle [from "My Fair Lady"] and, after a series of adventures, becomes a singer in a new Gilbert and Sullivan show, thanks to the unlikely assistance of Fagin and The Artful Dodger. We have already started rehearsing this and roles have been cast. All the children now have a script and song words and are already very excited. The dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm to the school. The performance to parents will take place in the evening on the same day at 6.30pm. We have sent out details about costumes, most of which are very straightforward.

### **Leavers' assembly**

If you haven't already done so I would be grateful if you could provide me with a photo of your child when they were a baby and when they started school. I am also after copies of the class photo from each year. This can either be emailed to me or a hard copy sent in which I will scan and then return to you. Thank you in advance.

## Dates for the Diary



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Stagecoach talk (getting the bus to secondary school) - Year 6 parents and children

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Sponsored bounce

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - British Values week (details to follow)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - visit to Sikh Gurdwara, Gravesend

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Year 6 dress rehearsal for production to school **at village hall**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Year 6 production performance to parents 6.30pm **at village hall**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - secondary transition day (all Year 6 children)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - additional secondary school transition day (Canterbury Academy and Herne Bay High)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer fair

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Rocksteady assembly

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - school disco

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - swimming at Kent College and leavers' BBQ after school (details to follow)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' assembly 9.00am