

Y6 Wolves Newsletter

Term 5 2018



Diary dates

1st May - class photos

7th May - May bank holiday

14-17th May - SATs week

18th May - post SATs treat - Gravity and Mote Park

22nd May - NSPCC assembly

25th May - last day of term

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays; I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. The main focus for this term is the SATs tests, which take place the week beginning Monday 14th May. The four weeks prior to this will be very busy with the curriculum focusing mainly on literacy and numeracy, although we have planned in some time in the afternoons for some foundation subjects.

I would like to emphasise the importance of the SATs, as they are an accurate external measure of your child's success at primary school. The outcomes of these will provide your child's new secondary school with information about their academic achievements, which inform ability groups and setting. You should have already received an information pack on SATs week and revision material. I have been really pleased with the hard work and commitment that the children have shown so far and hope that every child will feel a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction with their effort.

At the end of SATs week we will be celebrating with a trip out to Gravity Trampoline Park and Mote Park. Details of this have already been sent out.

I will continue to teach the children all week except for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon when they will have Mr. Packer for PE and Mrs Berry for science and SPAG. Mrs Jones and Mrs Douglas will continue to provide focused support in lessons, as well as a range of interventions and booster groups.

Numeracy lessons will be largely revision based. During the revision lessons we will cover several concepts a session in order to keep memories refreshed; we will also revisit curriculum content from previous years, which may come up in the assessments. Regular arithmetic sessions and plenty of number bonds and times tables practice will also continue.

In **literacy** we will continue with lots of reading skills and comprehension work, as well as an emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar in preparation for the SPAG assessment. We will also continue to practise and develop our writing skills through games and hopefully some computer based learning.

The children will have plenty of opportunity to sit past papers for reading, maths and SPAG in the coming weeks; time will be spent on exam technique, styles of questions and how to make the most of the time in the tests.

Science

Science this term will focus on 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about the circulatory system, the heart, lungs, function and components of blood and the effect of exercise on heart rate.

PE

PE lessons will continue to take place on **Tuesday and Thursday** afternoons. The children will take part in cricket and multi sport sessions. Please ensure your child brings a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE lessons and that all PE items are named. As the weather gets warmer a hat may also be useful. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for lessons.

RE

This term will focus on Sikhism, in particular research about the ten Sikh Gurus, including Guru Nanak; the Guru Granth Sahib and Gurdwaras as a place of worship. As part of this topic I have already booked a trip to the Gurdwara in Gravesend on Monday 18th June (Term 6).

Topic

We will continue with our topic on North America, which we managed to start before the Easter break. The children will choose a country from the North American continent and complete research work on it focusing on both its physical and human geography.

Art

In art we will be completing optical illusion themed work, focusing mainly on the artist Bridget Riley.

Homework

Homework and spellings will continue to be set every Thursday, to be handed in on the following Tuesday. Homework is invaluable at the moment as it is an essential part of SATs revision - please encourage your son or daughter to complete as much of it as possible. In addition to tasks set each week please practise times tables, number bonds and also encourage daily reading.

Transition

This term transition meetings will begin with secondary school teachers. This is a valuable opportunity for us to pass on key information about your child's learning, behaviour and attitudes, as well as time for the children to meet staff from their new school.

Leavers' assembly

Even though it is only April, we are already beginning to think about preparations for the end of the school year and Leavers' Assembly. 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. 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.

We will send out dates shortly for end of year events so you can get them in your diaries.

If you have any questions or queries please come and have a chat at the beginning or end of the day if you are on the playground or I can be contacted via email debbie.creigh@bad.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Miss Creigh, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones