

# YEAR 6 SUMMER 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2017

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"Happy together in God's family,  
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and the children have made time to relax and unwind.

This half term, as always, is extremely busy as we prepare for our Y6 National Tests which will commence on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The children should come to school at the normal time although I will open the classroom at 8:45 should they wish to come in earlier.

Looking forward, Year 6 traditionally have an exciting end of year trip which can prove to be quite expensive however the children are encouraged to carry out some fundraising activities in order to cover the majority of the costs. I will discuss some ideas in class with the children but I do require your assistance if we are to ensure that enough funds are raised.

As always, if you have any questions, please speak to myself or Mrs Wilson. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Guzdek



### Homework

**Reading:** Year 6 children are expected to read for 20 mins per night. Please ensure that your child has written in his/her reading diary and recorded which pages have been read each night or if any other books have been read. If you listen to your child read, please feel free to add your initials and any comment.

**Spellings:** We are continuing to look at the various spelling patterns, prefixes and suffixes within class. The children are encouraged to take home the activities and practise.

**Homework:** The children should be continuing to work on any revision topics which they feel necessary at this point in the year. I have given Maths reasoning booklets, SPaG and short reading comprehensions which the children should continue to take home for consolidation.

### Important Days

#### Tuesday:

P.E. kit required

#### Thursday:

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Musical instruments.

### Important Dates

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May: May Day holiday – school closed.

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Netball competition for some Y5 / Y6 4:00 - 5:30pm.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May: English reading paper.

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> May: SPaG paper.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic and Reasoning paper 1.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning paper 2.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 treat day

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May: Parish Mass at 11am to celebrate First Holy Communion.

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Fr.Pat's Golden Jubilee.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May: Miss Anderson from St. Mary's, Menston to see Y 6 .

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for half term.

## English

This half term the children will be focusing on the art of persuasion and explanation through cross-curricular work. The use of high quality punctuation and carefully considered sentence structures will play a key part in these precise text types. Our SPaG sessions will be embedded throughout the week and will continue to cover all aspects of the curriculum.

## PE

Year 6 will have two PE lessons every week. This half term we developing our cricket skills through small group and whole class games. The children will also be taking part in more competitive ball games which will be led by an external provider.

## Geography

Our focus this half term is going to be 'Coastlines'. We will be primarily looking at how coastlines are shaped as well as identifying features such as arches, stacks and stumps. The pupils will explore ways in which coastal defences protect the land.

## RE

Our focus for RE this half term is 'Transforming the Spirit'. The children will explore what happened at Pentecost and reflect on how the Spirit transformed the disciples. They will examine the transformation that took place in Paul and show how his decisions to spread the good news were informed by his beliefs.

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## Half-Term 5



## Computing

We will continue with our unit 'Stocks and shares' to create line graphs using the data produced. The children will also use this opportunity to calculate the cost their end of year trip.

## Music

Our new unit with focus on the pop ballad sung by Adele, 'Make You Feel My Love'. This unit will require the pupils to take part in musical games which incorporate the pulse, rhythm and pitch as well as singing and playing instruments.

## Mathematics

Year 6 will be continuing to refine their mathematical skills through problem solving and reasoning. We will apply our four operations including fractions through daily tasks related to basic arithmetic. Through our Geography and ICT, the children will be encouraged to collect data to record information in line graphs, pie charts and bar charts.

## Science

In our topic, 'Animals including humans', we will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. The children will describe ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

## DT

Our focus this half term will be Bridges. The children will investigate structures before writing and building their own.