

Year 6 Information for Parents

Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents

The summer term is now under way and we would like to provide you with information about the curriculum for your child's final term at Fairfields. S.A.T.s will be on the week commencing 8th May. Please ensure that any doctor or dentist appointments are made out of school time if possible that week and that your child arrives promptly, with a couple of handwriting pens, on the mornings in question. Plenty of sleep the weekend before and during the week is also advisable.

Once S.A.T.s is over, we will continue to study the full curriculum. Physical activity will obviously continue and, this term, kit will be needed in school every day. Spellings will also continue to be tested on Wednesdays and this will also remain the day for handing in homework.

English

We will continue to work on reading and writing skills post S.A.T.s. Our writing focus will link with our history topic and be important evidence towards the children's writing grades, as there is no writing test. The children's result will depend on all the writing they do throughout the year, and particularly in the summer term.

History

During the summer term, our history focus will be the Ancient Greeks. We will learn about their lifestyle, mythology and the importance of the Greeks and their theories today. History is being delivered through a creative and cross-curricular approach which will include drama, art, literacy, maths, computing and music. We will also be having a Greek drama day which will end with a Greek picnic and mini Olympics, so if you could look out an old sheet and belt, in preparation for the making of a Greek costume, that would be greatly appreciated!

F.A.B.

Our first faith and belief project for the summer term is entitled 'Power' which looks at what Christians think about God's power. The second topic is 'Umma' and will include a study of community.

Computing

In computing, we will be using software to manipulate blocks of code which will create computer games. We will be using data logging equipment and learning how to create spreadsheets.

Science

In science, we will be studying light. We will investigate how we see things, how light travels and reflection.

Art

Firstly, we will be teaching the children how to screen print. The school production will provide further opportunities for art work.

Drama/Music

The main drama focus this term will be the Year 6 school production which the children will perform for you and the rest of the school before they leave. This year, it is an historical story based on the history of Fairfields Primary School. The time after S.A.T.s provides us with the opportunity to help the children to

make progress in a more creative way, displaying their skills in drama, music and art. The children will be needed for two evening performances. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone who can assist in costume production. In addition to curricular work, this show will provide a real-life application of our study of Rights, Respect and Responsibilities, with an emphasis on the latter due to the importance of each individual in the production.

Visits and Visitors

We will be visiting Winchester University on 27th June to participate in a Junior Graduation Ceremony. This is an opportunity for the children to visit and take a guided tour of a university, followed by a graduation ceremony to which you are invited. It proved to be very successful last year and generated aspirations. The children will also be taking part in the 'Thinksafe' event on Tuesday 20th June which will focus on various aspect of personal safety.

If, during the course of the term, you have any queries, please do not hesitate to request a mutually convenient appointment with your child's teacher. To help your children at home, we encourage the use of Mathematics, and reading whenever possible for recreational purposes. Once we start the production, any help with the learning of lines would be greatly appreciated!

Yours sincerely

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Key topic vocabulary

Literacy	Science
past / present progressive	spectrum
past / present perfect	lux
passive voice	pupil
contraction (apostrophes)	iris
omission (apostrophes)	retina
possession (apostrophes)	refraction
subordinate clause	block
embedded clause	shadow
auxiliary verbs	reflection
subjunctive	opaque/translucent/transparent