

Summer term is here and hopefully it will bring some sunshine too! The final term for our Year 6 children is always one full of excitement, adventure and the thoughts of new beginnings. After May half term, we will start to think about transition; all children will have a member of staff from their destination school visit them and of course, they will have the opportunity to visit their new school too. We have lots to look forward to with our trip to PGL and the Harry Potter Studios. This first half term, we will be building up to SATs - I will be in touch within the next few weeks to let you know what will be happening during this time.

The children made fantastic progress in **English and Maths** last term, so we will be continuing to build upon their current knowledge. In Maths, we will be looking at areas such as statistics, problem solving and algebra to prepare children for secondary school. In English, we will be using the texts including 'Grimm Tales' and 'The Wind in the Wall' to develop our writing skills.

Reading continues to be a key focus in Year 6. Please encourage your child to read frequently at home and quiz on their books on Scholastic Reading Pro (links are available on the academy website). Merits are given for reading at home and books signed by adults.



Spellings are taught for 15 minutes every day in school. We do not send spellings home as homework. However, the statutory spellings are printed in your child's reading record should you wish to practise at home.

Our routines!

PE

Wednesday and Friday

All Year 6 children will have PE on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure earrings are covered up or not worn on these days. Friday will be outdoor PE so please wear appropriate clothing. As the weather starts to warm up, a hat and sun cream may be appropriate.

If you would like a more in-depth overview of what we will be learning this term, it can be found on the Academy website under curriculum.

Wider curriculum

History - During Summer term 2, we will be learning all about the Maya civilisation.

Geography - This term, we will be learning about the continent of North America building on previous knowledge to deepen our understanding.

Science - Our first topic is 'Living things and their habitats'. After this, we will be learning about 'Evolution and inheritance'.

Art - We will be learning about the 'Art of anatomy', with a focus on the artist Leonardo Da Vinci.

DT - We will be designing and creating electronic motors.

RE - This term, we will focus on the religion of Rastafarianism. During Summer term 2, our focus will be on the Salvation Army.



Mobile phones - If your child walks to and from school without an adult, we permit them to bring a mobile phone. They will be expected to keep it in their class teacher's desk during the day. It is expected that mobile phones are switched off as soon as your child enters the school grounds and not switched on until they have left the premises at the end of the day.

Please keep checking **Class Dojo** for updates on your child's learning and any key messages for the class. You can contact your child's class teacher through here too.