



Highlights from last term ...

Parental Engagement

The children (and adults!) had a wonderful time in the hall making and flying paper aeroplanes. There were prizes for the plane that flew the furthest, the most creative design and most imaginative name!

World Book Day

We had a fabulous day celebrating some of our favourite authors. We especially enjoyed sharing books with the children in reception. All of the children looked fantastic in their character costumes!



Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term, we will be using the picture book 'Tuesday' to develop the children's skills for a range of writing purposes: **newspaper reports, setting descriptions and writing narratives**. We will also be doing some writing related to our 'Viking' topic.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main foci for this term will be: **Shape, Problem Solving and Investigations**.

Science: Our science topic for the first half term is '**Evolution and Inheritance**'. Within this topic, the children will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will also recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents and they will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

In the second half term, our topic is '**Living things and their habitats**'. Within this topic, the children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. They will also give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Topic: Our topic for this term is '**Vicious Vikings! True or False?**'. In this topic, we will look at the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. This includes the Viking raids and invasion, the resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, the first king of England, further Viking invasions and Danegeld and Anglo-Saxon laws and justice.

R.E: In RE, we'll continue our study of Christian beliefs about heaven in our unit '**What kind of king is Jesus?**', before moving on to consider the question, '**Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?**'

Music: We will be continuing with our '**Charanga**' scheme of work and this term will be focusing on 'rap music' around the popular 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' theme song.

French: Our two units of work are titled '**A l'école**' (At School) and '**Le week-end**' (The Weekend). Children will work on saying, recognising and spelling new vocabulary and develop their sentence building in French.

PSHE: Our PSHE topic this term is '**Anti-Social Behaviour**'. We will be exploring how to be responsible members of society through learning about rules, laws, crimes and community. In the second half term, we will be covering '**Sex Education**' which you will receive more information about at a later date.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they come to school with their PE kit on the correct days:

6CL and 6F – Monday

6P – Friday



Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler that is in date, labelled with their name and in school **at all times!**

As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit to eat at break times. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



UNIFORM

All pupils are required to wear school uniform. Can we remind you that this is; purple jumper (not PE hoodie), white or purple polo shirt both with or without logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore. During the hot weather a purple/ white gingham checked dress is permitted. On the children's PE day, they need to bring their PE uniform which is grey/black joggers or shorts, a purple t-shirt, a purple PE hoodie or jumper and trainers. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. All uniform can be purchased from Club Sport.

Homework

In year 6, we do a lot of focused work at school and do not necessarily give weekly homework in the summer term. However, we do ask for your children to read as much as possible at home - recording reading comments in reading journals regularly (parent signature at least three times a week, please). Children should read their accelerated reading book as much as possible but can also read other books that they enjoy if they wish to do so. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or times tables they may need to learn. Each half term, we will also set a task around our current topic and this will be available for you to access on the school website. Please ask your children if they have any homework and give them every encouragement to do it – we greatly value your support in this area.

SATs Week

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs the week beginning **Monday 13th May**.

The timetable is as follows:

Monday 13th May – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1 and 2

Tuesday 14th May – Reading

Wednesday 15th May – Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Thursday 16th May – Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)



During SATs week:

- Please make sure that your child goes to bed (sleep) at a reasonable time.
- Restrict their time on electrical devices to ensure they are as 'refreshed' as possible each day.
- Get up early so that children don't feel 'rushed' when they come to school.
- From Monday to Thursday, **join the LPS teachers for breakfast (free of charge)** where the children can feel relaxed and prepare for the day ahead. Children can arrive at school from 8.30am and breakfast will be held in the school hall. Breakfast will include toast and fruit juice followed by a short wake-up exercise session.
- If your child is unwell, please ring the office promptly in the morning.

Special Events

Hay Festival

We have been very lucky to receive free tickets to Hay Festival on **Thursday 23rd May**. This will be an exciting day out where the children will take part in live events with authors and scientists. A separate letter will be sent out shortly with more information.



Dance Fest

After half term, the year 6 children will be taking part in a series of six creative dance sessions. The creative dance project (BOOST) aims to promote children's good mental health and emotional wellbeing. The creative dance sessions will give children space to play, grow, listen, learn and engage with their emotions. They'll gain practical skills on recognising and regulating feelings and building resilience. Boost will impact children's confidence and mental and physical wellness. This, in turn, will positively impact their academic pathway and school experience.



The dates of these sessions are:

1. Friday 7th June
2. Friday 14th June
3. Friday 21st June
4. Friday 28th June
5. Friday 5th July
6. Friday 12th July

On these dates, all year 6 pupils will require their PE kit.

In order to help cover the cost of Dance Fest and our trip to Hay, we are asking for a contribution of **£10 per pupil**.

Please can all payments be made through Parent Mail by **Friday 10th May**.

Unfortunately, if insufficient funds are received, we will need to cancel these special events. We appreciate your support in helping us to provide these experiences for your children.

Sports Day

Year 5 and 6 have their Sports Day on **Thursday 6th June @ 9.30am**. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. We looking forward to seeing you.

Year 6 Production

The Year 6 children will shortly start working hard on a performance which they will share with you all. There are two opportunities for families and friends to come and watch: **Tuesday 9th July** (afternoon performance) and **Wednesday 10th July** (evening performance). More information will be shared with you in due course.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We will celebrate the Year 6 children in their final assembly on **Thursday 18th July** at 9:30am. Parents/Carers are welcome to come and join.

Dates for your diary:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 18 th April	Winning house reward afternoon (Hazel)
Monday 22 nd April	Whole school 'Earth Day' Children can wear GREEN and bring in a donation
Monday 29 th April	'Wear What You Like Day' to raise funds for school music – pupils to bring in £1
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Week beginning Monday 13 th May	SATs testing
Thursday 23 rd May	Hay Festival trip
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term
Half Term	
Thursday 6 th June	Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (9.30am)
Friday 7 th June	DANCEFEST
Friday 7 th June	Creation Project Exhibition (Priory)
Tuesday 11 th June	PC Utley visiting Y6 children
Thursday 13 th June	Choir – Schools Creation Concert 4:30pm
Friday 14 th June	DANCEFEST
Friday 21 st June	DANCEFEST
Friday 28 th June	DANCEFEST
Week beginning Monday 1 st July	Carnival Week
Friday 5 th July	DANCEFEST
Friday 5 th July	Carnival parade and school fete
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 production to parents (afternoon)
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 6 production to parents (evening)
Thursday 11 th July	Winning house reward afternoon
Friday 12 th July	DANCEFEST
Thursday 18 th July	Leavers' Assembly 9:30am Chips and disco for Year 6 pupils

Forest School Dates for Year 6:

- 6CL – Friday 10th May and Friday 17th May
- 6P – Wednesday 1st May and Thursday 16th May
- 6F – Friday 12th and Tuesday 16th July

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team: Miss Pearson, Miss Cartwright (Assistant Heads), Mrs Linton and Mrs Fletcher.