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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Year 6 Summer Newsletter

We can't quite believe that we are now in the final term of primary school for your children. It's an action-packed term and this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the events ahead. Transition and preparing the children for the next stage of their education will be a big part of the work we do in school. This will include us liaising with your child's secondary school and your child their transition days during the summer term.

Despite SAT's being imminent, there is plenty of the primary curriculum still to be taught and enjoyed beyond SATS week. The topics being covered are:

<i>Summer 1</i>	<i>Summer 2</i>
<b>Science</b> – Animals, including humans	
<b>History</b> – World War 2	
<b>Geography</b> – Settlements	
<b>Computing</b> – Text Adventures	<b>Computing</b> – Spreadsheets
<b>Art</b> - Perspective	<b>DT</b> – Shelters
<b>PSHE</b> – Being your Best Self	<b>PSHE</b> – Growing and Changing. We shall be covering the concepts of Growing and Changing, progressing from the content the children were taught last year. A more detailed outline of this will be sent to parents as a separate letter shortly.
<b>RE</b> – Creation stories	<b>RE</b> - Identity
<b>PE</b> – Rounders	<b>PE</b> - Athletics

### Homework

We have now completed most of the SATs buster books. Please encourage your child to complete any missing tests from these books if they have spare time. Once a book is completed, please encourage your child to use it as a revision tool for any concepts they are unsure of. Homework will continue after SATs and it is important for your child to get themselves into a regular routine as part of the transition process. We will be setting homework online using Purple Mash as this will help with the transition to secondary school. We will aim to set activities linked to current learning in school and children will find the set activities in their 2do section. Work will be marked online and merits and gems given using the feedback tool. On the rare occasion that Purple Mash will not let you hand a piece of work in after it has been completed, just get your child to let



us know – they will not have to complete it again. If your child does not have access to a device to complete their homework, then a paper alternative will be available.

You can refer to these websites for terminology, strategies and explanations.

- BBC Bitesize  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>
- Oxford Owls  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/education-glossary/grammar-literacy-glossary-a-c/>

### **Reading and spellings**

We are continuing to broaden your child's range of genre that they read through encouraging them to complete a reading variety log, which can be found at the back of their reading journals. Please get them to read at least four times a week and record it themselves. This could be: a summary; interesting vocabulary; predictions or answers to the questions from the middle of their journal. We spend time in school practising spellings. Your child will bring home a set spelling list focusing on the rule. They can also use the spelling lists in the middle of their journals to keep track of words they revise from the Year 5/6 spelling lists.

### **SATs week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Mrs Bull ran an information evening outlining how SATs week works. The SATs presentation can be found on the website. If you have any questions, please contact us via [Year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:Year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk). A timetable for the tests can be found below:

	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
8:40	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
8:50	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	
	Punctuation and Grammar Test (45 mins)	Reading Test (1 hour)	Arithmetic Paper 1 (30 mins)	Maths Paper 3 Reasoning (40 mins)	No scheduled SATs TESTS
10:45	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00
11:00	Snack		Snack		
	Spelling Test (approx. 15 mins)		Maths Paper 2 Reasoning (40 mins)		
12:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30					



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The summer term is a very busy one for Year 6 and we like to give you as much notice as possible for key dates for your diary.

### **Key Dates**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Newbury Weekly News photo
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Trip to Winchester Military Museums
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July AM	Year 6 to St Mary's church – leavers' activities
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon play performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening play performance 6pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Trinity transition days
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	St Barts transition
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Kennet transition days
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' assembly 2pm Leavers' party 6-8pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term Leavers' hoodies handed out

A letter will be sent with more information regarding the details for these dates closer to the time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hayward and Mrs Neumann