

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 6 SATs and Year 5 optional SATs
Week commencing Monday 8th May

Multicultural Week
Week commencing Monday 22nd May

End of Half-Term
Friday 26th May

Return to School
Monday 5th June

There are a lot of exciting events, such as sports day, happening after half term but we will let you know the dates after half-term.

P.E. KIT...

PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons this term. The children should have their kits in school **all week** as the day may change due to other school events or the weather. The children will need an indoor and an outdoor kit as our lessons will take place outside, weather permitting; all kit should be clearly named! Please see the website for a list of kit needed. No jewellery should be worn and is to be removed by the children only.

Forest School - Different family groups will have Forest School on Tuesday mornings. It is important that the children keep appropriate clothing at school.

Reading

The children are issued with a school reading book, they are expected to read and answer questions about their reading at home with an adult and record this in their home/school diary. Reading at home and in school is a key focus. We require the children to have their reading books and diaries in school **EVERY DAY** so that adults in school can listen to your child read on a weekly basis.



A curriculum leaflet about...

The Mighty Oaks - Year
5/6
Summer-term, 2017



Class Teachers – Miss Apps and Mr Pillans
Teaching Assistant – Mrs Kirk



Welcome...

We hope that you have had a great Easter holiday and that you are relaxed and refreshed, ready for the term ahead. As you are aware, this term is a very important term for Year 5 and Year 6 especially. Year 6 will have their SAT tests during the week commencing Monday 8th May. For Year 5, the Summer-term is an opportunity to both consolidate and develop their learning in the core subjects and to apply the skills that they have learnt to the wider subjects, such as Science and Topic.

HOMEWORK...

For Year 6 pupils, homework that is set will focus on preparation for the SAT tests. Some of this will be for the whole year group, however some of the homework will be specific to particular children who perhaps need a little extra time on one aspect of the curriculum.

Year 6 children are also expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by now: this is absolutely vital in order to ensure success in mathematics going forward. Year 6 children have also been given the Year 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists and they have been expected to learn these in their own time. Children will be tested on a random set of 20 words from the Year 3/4 list on a daily basis.

Year 5 children will continue with their weekly spelling and maths homework. This will be based upon the class work and will assist in consolidating their learning. In addition, all children have access to Rock Star Maths to practise their times tables and their progress and participation is monitored regularly.

Pupils will be given their weekly spelling homework on Friday, which is to be handed in on the day of the test the following Friday. Children will be given their weekly maths homework on Monday, to be handed in on the Friday.

Our termly topic-based homework project will follow shortly.

Our topic this term is **The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings**



English – This term Year 6 will focus on preparation for the SAT tests. This will include the revision of word classes, verb-tense, subject-verb agreement, sentence structure and type, the use of punctuation and the subjunctive mood. We will also be focussing on reading with an emphasis on key comprehension skills.

Year 5 are beginning the term by looking at **Information Texts** and will be producing a display containing facts about **The Anglo-Saxons**. We will then be looking at **play scripts and performance**; rehearsing and performing plays based on fables.

After the SAT tests both year groups will study **Myths and Legends, Persuasive Writing** and **Newspaper Reports**.

Maths – As with English above, our Year 6 focus will be on preparation for the SAT tests in early May. This will include revising key areas of the curriculum and working through practice questions and papers to give pupils more experience in reading, interpreting and answering the revised numeracy test papers.

Year 5 will be consolidating their learning from the year. We will be revisiting most areas of **number** and expanding ideas through application and investigation.

Topic – Before half term, we will be looking at Anglo-Saxon life, settlements and gods. Later in the term, we will be researching Viking Invasions, Longships and Gods.

Music, Art and DT –At the beginning of term, we will be completing our work on industrial music by composing, notating and recording our ‘Sounds of the Classroom’ composition.

As the weather improves, we hope to be able to take some art lessons outside. This will enable us to look at the how we can select and compose landscape

and still life drawings. We will also be learning to cook several simple dishes from around the world.

ICT –This term we will integrate ICT into other subjects. We will be digitally recording our compositions in music, filming our plays and producing menus for our meals in cooking.

RE – This term children will learn about different aspects of **Hindu Beliefs and Lifestyle**. Pupils will learn about the concept of **Brahman** and some of the key Hindu **gods and goddesses**, including **Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva**. We will also examine how Hindus **worship**, their temples (**Mandir**) and some of the **key festivals**, such as **Divali**.



Science – We will have two main focus areas in Science this term. Our first focus area is **Working Scientifically**. Pupils will undertake specific experiments that enable them to demonstrate and progress their ability to plan, perform, measure, record, analyse, draw conclusions and make recommendations. Later in the term, we will start our topic on **Animals Including Humans (Y6)** where we will study the circulatory and digestive systems and we will investigate the effect of healthy diets and lifestyles.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) –French & Spanish



PE – Lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons this term. Mr Pillans will be leading our ‘summer’ sports such as Rounders, Quick Cricket and Tennis . Miss Apps will be leading our preparation for sports day with athletics.