

Year 6 Summer Newsletter

SATs have been and gone. I was very impressed with the mature attitude that all the children showed in the week. They concentrated fully in every test and maintained a very positive attitude throughout – even when faced with some very tricky questions. I'm certain that they couldn't have tried harder. They really deserved the relaxing afternoons sketching and playing sports.

The children should also be commended for all the work that has taken place to prepare them for the SATs. Children have worked in intervention groups without complaint during the school day and even after school. Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting your children.

The Spelling Bee was 'paused' last term, so that children could concentrate on the SATs spelling lists. We will start a shortened version of the Spelling Bee over the next seven weeks.

Please continue to support your children with these list of words.

Year 6 P.E. days are on a Thursday and a Friday. Please ensure that PE kits are in school at all times. There is enough room in the cloakroom for P.E. kits to stay in school.

We are hoping to enjoy some sunny weather and develop our striking and fielding skills through games such as cricket and rounders.

Our topic researching and finding out about another European country continues. We are looking forward to the coming residential to get a first-hand look at life in France and French culture.

We will continue to teach core subjects of maths and English. Children will be working on their creative writing in particular, ready for a final teacher assessment grade. SPAG will continue as this is important for secondary school lessons – children score points on their GCSEs when demonstrating the knowledge we teach in year 6. We will also learn some secondary school maths so that they remain challenged and have a head start for year 7.

I'm sure your children have already told you that we have decided on this year's 5 & 6 production: What a Knight!

The play is comedic take on King Arthur and the knights of Camelot. There are lots of jokes that are aimed at the audience so it should be an enjoyable few weeks putting everything together.

Auditions have taken place. It was a very difficult decision to cast parts, particularly as this year almost every child wanted to go for a large role where usually equal numbers want mid to smaller roles. I've tweaked the script 3 times already to try and include more lines.

We endeavour to make the whole experience as enjoyable as possible for the children. We have whole-cast songs and whole-cast dances. We also make our own scenery. This year we are digital and have emailed out MP3 files for the songs as well as the words too. Homework this term will be given over to learning scripts and songs.

Once the production is over comes the emotional rollercoaster that is the Leavers' Assembly.