

Year 6 Summer Term Newsletter 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to welcome Year 6 back, refreshed after the Easter Holidays, ready to make the most of their last term here at Tatworth and prepare for the challenges of secondary school. We have a lot to look forward to this term and hope the children will leave with lots of happy memories!

Please remember as the weather warms up, to send children with a hat and sun-cream - we will make the most of any opportunities to take our learning outside!

Residential Trip

I am very excited about our upcoming trip to Magdalen. We will send a letter shortly regarding any final arrangements, but if you have any immediate concerns or questions, please do get in touch.

SATs

SATs tests will take place next week; you will have received a letter from Ms Hart last week with some information regarding how these will be organised. I have been very impressed with the positive attitude the children have shown in preparing for the tests and wish them every success.

Following the tests themselves, we will continue to focus on our writing and collect evidence for the writing assessment.

Curriculum

The topics for each subject this term are as follows:

History - Chard's industrial past

Geography - ocean currents and climate change

RE - understand and explore the concepts of Grace and Mercy and their significance to Christians

Science - the theory of evolution

MFL - describing where you live; places in a town; food - café roleplay

Art - portraits

DT - cultural foods

PE

PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursday and children will be asked to take their kits home each Friday.

Homework

Reading

It is essential that we continue to encourage children to develop their fluency, comprehension and vocabulary, to enable them to access their learning in all of their subjects in secondary school. As before, we will be monitoring reading records weekly. All children should read at home for 20 minutes at least 5 times a week. As before, we will reward children with raffle tickets each week, from which a weekly prize is drawn; each half term a winner is drawn to receive a £5 book token. Although, in Year 6, we are encouraging children to develop their independence, your support in talking to them about their reading and signing their reading records, is very much appreciated 😊

Maths

In order to ensure children are continuing to practise and retain their maths skills for next year, they will continue to bring home a weekly sheet of mixed questions. They should spend 30 minutes on this and will bring home an answer sheet to self-mark it. Please do discuss anything with your child and let me know of any problems or questions you have regarding this. Please also encourage children to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Spellingframe

Children have been asked to focus on areas they need to work on as well as the mixture of Y5,6 words on Spellingframe: every child should practise these words throughout the week.

If you have any questions regarding homework, please do not hesitate to ask.

PSHE

We will be tackling some challenging topics in PSHE this term, as they head towards secondary school, including Sex and Relationship Education.

In these lessons, we aim to prepare the children not only for biological and physical changes that are beginning to take place in their bodies but also the social and emotional implications of these. The lessons are designed to teach the children respect for themselves and each other and to guide them to a better understanding of what to expect as they grow up physically and emotionally. If you have any queries or worries about these lessons please do not hesitate to contact me. Please also have a look at the new policy on this, available on our website: <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Relationship-Education-Policy-20-21.pdf>

We will also be thinking about how to prepare practically and emotionally for the transition in our PSHE lessons.

Leavers

As the children are preparing for Secondary School, Holyrood staff will be visiting the school to talk to the children and the children will attend transition days in their new schools. We do of course have our leavers' trip to look forward to, and Year 6 are already excited about rehearsing their Year 6 production. More details about this and any end of term arrangements to follow.

Kind regards

Ann Webb