

Dear Parents,

We would like to start by saying how proud we are of the children for how they conducted themselves during SATs week. They have all worked extremely hard and showed great courage, resilience and determination in completing the Key Stage 2 assessments. Well done!

We have outlined below the final half term in Year 6.

Transition to Year 7

There will be a focus on transition to secondary school this term. You should have received relevant information from your child's chosen secondary school regarding important dates. There will be a transition day on **Friday 4th July** for those children going to Durham Johnston. We will also be focusing on 'Moving On' and 'Transition' during our PSHE sessions.

Enterprise Project

Children will be taking part in the Virgin Money 'Make £5 Grow' enterprise to gain experience of running their own businesses. They will have the opportunity to showcase their business ventures during the school's Summer Fayre on **Saturday 28th June**.

Topics to be completed this half term:

English: This term we will be reading the class novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be looking at the text features of this novel but also will explore: characters and settings, effective vocabulary and grammar choices.

Maths: This term, children will have the opportunity to consolidate their prior learning and recap key knowledge and skills designed to support with their transition to secondary school. There will also be a focus upon allowing children to apply their learning from the Year 6 curriculum to help them to investigate and solve problems.

Science – Living things and their Habitats

Geography- Fantastic Forests. We will be exploring the vegetation in the local area as part of this unit and will be looking at the different types of forest around the world.

Computing – Programming Micro:bits

Art – Textiles based on the artist Henri Rousseau and art work based on the Japanese artist Hokusai.

DT – As part of cooking and nutrition, we will be designing and making pizza.

RE – 'What do we now know about Christianity?'

French – The units will be about 'Habitats' and 'Me in the World'.

PSHCE – This term in PSHE our topic is 'Living in the Wider World'. We will begin by learning about the responsibilities which come with owning a mobile phone before moving on to critically examining the information which is presented to us in the media and on social media. We will then look at the UK political system and democracy in general before finishing off the term by considering our aspirations for the future. This term we will also work with local secondary schools on transition. The school nurse will be working with us on puberty and basic human reproduction. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these topics, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Music and Drama - Year 6 children will be working on an end of year production which parents will be invited to watch. Dates can be found below.

Dates

Staff PD development day - **Monday 2nd June**

Children back in school - **Tuesday 3rd June**

Durham Cathedral Y6 Leavers' service – **Wednesday 11th June (pm)**- *Due to other schools attending and lack of space, this service is only for Y6 children - no parents.*

KS2 Sports Day – **Wednesday 25th June (1:30 pm)**

Y6 Leavers' service at St. Margaret's Church - **Thursday 26th June (2:00pm – Parents welcome)**

Summer Fayre – **Saturday 28th June**

KS2 Summer fun run – **Thursday 10th July (am)**

Year 6 Show – **Tuesday 15th July (2:00 pm)** and **Wednesday 16th July (6:00pm)**

Durham Cathedral end of year service – **Friday 18th July (am)**

We hope your child will enjoy their final half term in Year 6. Please remind them to bring a water bottle in to school each day and to also wear sun cream when needed, especially as the weather gets warmer. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a lovely half term break!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burdon and Mrs Curry