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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are in the final term of Year 6 already – doesn't time fly when you're having fun! We will be spending next week revising Mathematics, Reading, Grammar and Spelling to make sure the children are prepared and ready for the National Tests, which take place during the week beginning the 9th May.

Thank you so much for supporting the children with homework and revision and please keep up all the fantastic work over the next couple of weeks. The children are working very hard and their progress looks fantastic. They are coping well with the demands of the curriculum and some very challenging work.

After SATs, the children will be preparing for their new Secondary Schools and we will be ensuring that the Y6 curriculum has been completed.

Mathematics

We will be keeping skills sharp with regular mental maths activities. We will cover work on algebra and statistics but the main focus this term will be using and applying all our maths skills in a range of more complex reasoning tasks, including lots of real life situations. Please encourage your child to use the Mathletics programme (accessed through the school website) at home. It would be fantastic if everyone could complete the programme by the end of the year.

English

There will be a large focus on writing (including spelling, grammar and punctuation) for real purposes and some of our stimulus will come from the trip to Seahouses – thank you letters, reports, persuasive leaflets and discussions. We will continue to read 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and this will also provide the stimulus for some creative writing. Even after the National Tests, please encourage your child to continue to **read for at least twenty minutes each day** in order to keep skill sharp and ensure they are ready for the demands of secondary school. We want the children to leave us with a love of reading and a passion for books.

Science

We are doing lots of practical science this term around electricity and plants which the children really enjoy. They will also learn about the effects of diet, drugs and alcohol on our bodies. The children will be learning more about puberty and reproduction as part of their PHSE work. More information to follow about this after SATs.

RE

We will be looking at the importance of 'pilgrimage' in different religions, which links beautifully with our trip to Holy Island and the Pilgrim's Walk and also the coming of Christianity to England (St. Aidan and St. Cuthbert) which also links with our trip. Also as part of our RE, we will be learning more about Judaism. We have an RE Arts week planned – an exciting way to continue with our 'Understanding Christianity' work.



PE

PE will have a games and athletics bias ready for the many competitions and events that we enter in the summer term. Please ensure the children have their PE kit and a water bottle in school. Could you also ensure they wear a hat should the weather turn warm and put sunscreen on before school.

Other Subjects

In history, we will be learning about why people have felt the need to make journeys and the trip to Seahouses on 23rd May will provide the focus for much of our geography work on coasts and also the stimulus for art projects. In French, we will be continuing with basic conversations and everyday language such as food and drink. And, of course, we will also be preparing for our Leaver's Service which will include lots of music and drama. The children will also spend some time in their new Secondary Schools. A meeting about the Seahouses trip is planned for 3rd May and final payments will be required by Thursday 19th May.

As you can see, we have a very busy term lined up! Reports will be sent out at the end of term and I will be meeting Y7 teachers from the Secondary Schools to pass on information about the children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about SATs or any other issues. We want to ensure the children have a wonderful, purposeful time during their last term at St. John's. Thank you for all your support over the past two years – it makes a huge difference to the progress and success of all the children. They are a lovely class and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs M Brown



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