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Y6 Curriculum Newsletter – Oh! What a Performance

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to give you an insight into what your child will be learning about next term in Y6 as well as outlining a few admin essentials.

The summer topic for Y6 is 'Oh! What a Performance'. Our main Science topic will be focusing on Evolution and Inheritance. The children will be learning about famous scientists such as: Mary Anning and Charles Darwin. They will also be studying fossils, living things and their offspring and how they adapt to their environment.

As you are all aware SATs week is fast approaching, Monday 8th – Friday 12th May. Therefore the first two weeks of the summer term will focus on SATs revision. The children will be revising over all aspects of the Science curriculum, with each lesson having a different focus. In English they will be going through a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to enable them to create feature checklists for each genre of writing, including SPAG activities. In Mathematics the children will be revising all calculation methods as well as revisiting shape, space and measures, position and direction, ratio and proportion, fractions, decimals and percentages, data handling, problem solving, angles and symmetry.

Our Geography topic throughout the summer term will be Climate Zones and Biomes. This topic is an excellent introduction to the key aspects of physical Geography that children need to understand and describe in KS2. The children gain a thorough knowledge of coasts and rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, climate zones and biomes.

During Art and D&T the children will be using a wide range of skills throughout the term. Year 6 will be focusing on their end of year production following the SATs so during Art and D&T lessons they will be making costumes and headdresses as well as preparing all of the props and scenery.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday – rounders and tennis during summer 1, followed by cricket and athletics during summer 2. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for these days - navy shorts, white PE socks, green T-shirt and trainers. Can I please ask that all items are clearly named and that your child will be responsible for their kit at all times.

Spellings will be given on a Monday along with a SATs revision task. **All** homework tasks need to be handed in on the following Monday therefore it is up to the children to manage their tasks throughout the week and not leave it all until Sunday evening. After the SATs exams the children will be given various project homework and investigation tasks. This provides an opportunity for the children to show off their creative side and present their work in a variety of ways.

Children's reading passports will be checked regularly, so it is important that your child brings it to school every day. The children are required to read for at least 10 minutes each day and now that we are using the 'Accelerated Reader' approach to reading at Grangefield the children get to carry out an online quiz at the end of each book. This helps to improve their comprehension skills as well as developing their reading fluency.

I hope this letter helps to give you a little information into what your child will be doing in the summer term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Adams and Mrs Hadfield