



Year Six – Summer term **Start of term letter**

We hope that you and your families have all had a relaxing Easter break.

As with previous start of term letters, this is designed to give you an overview of this term. Further updates, and letters, will be sent out closer to events.

This term our topic will continue to be 'Hola Mexico!' until after SATs are out of the way. After SATs, our lessons will be based around The Wizarding World of Harry Potter – a curriculum map will be sent out when we begin our next topic.

Reading

Please ensure that the children continue to regularly read, it makes a huge difference to their confidence and ability to access tasks. Research suggests that there is as much to be gained from an adult reading to a child as there is a child to an adult; so please try to make time for this. It's also really helpful if reading at home can be recorded in reading records – thank you.

Homework

Homework initially will be same in the summer term as it was in the spring:

- Friday: Learning Note is sent home, including spellings to be learnt for the following week (these are tested on the following Friday).
- Mondays: Maths homework, due in Tuesdays.
- Tuesdays: Maths homework, due in Wednesdays.
- Wednesday: Maths homework, due in Thursdays.
- Thursday: Maths homework, due in Fridays.

After SATs, homework for Y6 will fall in-line with the rest of the school – children will be set reading, times tables practice and spellings homework each week.

Learning Notes are uploaded each week onto the class blog, please check there if you need further copies of these.

P.E.

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. The correct kit needs to be work for PE lessons, which consists of a blue polo shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. All of these items need to be clearly labelled.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place on **Thursday afternoons**. The children should bring old clothing to change into for **all** sessions e.g. trainers or wellies, tracksuit bottoms and waterproofs. We intend to go out in all weathers and the children will need to be appropriately dressed.

Swimming

We will be swimming on **Friday afternoons**. Children need to bring a one-piece swimming costume and must bring a swimming hat. Please note no goggles are allowed during the final Fun Swim.

Important dates

Tuesday 23rd April – Term begins
Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April – KS2 Mock SATs
Friday 26th April – Y6 Swimming lessons begin
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs
Friday 17th May – End of SATs party (during school hours).
Thursday 23rd May – Oakmere Mini Marathon
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term
Thursday 13th June – Y6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
Saturday 15th-Sunday 16th June – WSFA Camping Weekend
Monday 17th June – Inset Day
Wednesday 19th June – Summer Concert
Thursday 20th June – Summer Concert
Thursday 4th July – Sports Day
Thursday 11th July – Open Evening
Tuesday 16th July – Y6 End of Year Play
Wednesday 17th July – Y6 trip to Herts Young Mariners
Thursday 18th July – End of term, including the Leavers' Assembly.
Friday 19th July – Inset Day

Library Visits

We will be continuing with our Library visits this term. As previously, if I do not have your child's membership card then please do remember to send this into school with them on the day of their visit. Dates of visits for this half-term are as follows:

21/05/19 - Group 1 (JA, EF, EK, LL, AL, ALJ, RP, LPM, AP and ES).
21/05/19 - Group 2 (CG, MA, SW, NG, SC, MC, JH-N, RO, LW and CM).
21/05/19 - Group 3 (AC, TS, ET, PO, DD, EK, MF, CE, IS and L-MP).

I am able to return books on your child's behalf, on the date of the next group's visit. Books to be returned must be placed at the front of the classroom.

If a book needs to be returned before the next group will be visiting the Library then there are a number of options open to you. Books can be renewed directly with the library online, via the library App, by phone or via e-mail. You do not need your child's books to do this – simply the membership card/account number.

Upcoming trips and payments

Thursday 13th June - Harry Potter Studio Tour Cost: £27
Wednesday 17th July - Herts Young Mariners Expected cost: £47 (TBC)

Details regarding the Harry Potter trip have already been sent home. A copy of this can be viewed on the class blog if need be. A letter will be issued about the HYM trip during May.

Whilst the school is unable to subsidise trips to any great extent, if the cost of these is an issue then please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mr Billing in confidence.

And finally...

If you have any queries or concerns about anything in this letter, or anything else, then please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Year Six team.

With kind regards,

Mr Ritson