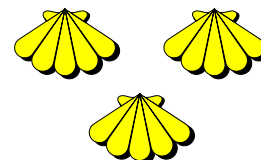


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## Summer Newsletter

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have had a very enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday and that this term brings all of you and the children much success and happiness. Here are some details which should aid you in helping your child to make progress for this third and final term of Year 6.

In English we will continue to read the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This will be a great stimulus for our writing, as the children will write a persuasive piece, character descriptions and diary entry. We will also be focusing on cross curricular writing within History and Science.

We will continue guided reading sessions each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills, particularly focusing on inference and prediction. Spelling and grammar will also be taught on a regular basis. Spelling tests will take place each Friday and Big writing will be completed at the end of each English unit.

In Maths we will be carrying out revision work on many areas including shapes and angles, the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, ratio and proportion and probability. This will include mental methods and written methods. We will further develop our knowledge of handling data and statistics. Children will also be carrying out work which use different units of measure.

In Science we will learn about evolution and inheritance. This topic will get children thinking about characteristics that are passed from one generation to the next and how species have been adapted to suit their environments. We will also explain the process of natural selection, how our understanding of the process of evolution has developed over time all thanks to the work of scientists and palaeontologists.

In Geography the children will research the question - Are we damaging our world? They will look at geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of North or South America.

In History, we will start the topic *The Maya Civilisation*. The children will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They will use maps and atlases to locate Maya cities and identify countries in Mesoamerica. In addition to this they will learn about the work of the explorers John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood and have the opportunity to analyse historical pictures of the cities they



discovered. They will also learn about the types of food eaten by the ancient Maya people and they will find out about the significance of corn and chocolate.

We have our P.E. sessions on Monday and Friday this term. We will be learning the rules for playing cricket, rounders and developing our athletic skills.

In Art we will be exploring and evaluating the great German artist Albrecht Durer and the American painter Edward Hopper.

In French we will be learning some key words and phrases related to Healthy Lifestyles.

In RE we will focus on the work of two charities. It will enable children to explain beliefs and their impact, and to compare and contrast aspects of religion in action. They will develop their studies of goodness and communities, asking about some ways in which Muslim and Christian charities contribute to the wellbeing of all.

Homework will be set on J2E every Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday. The children will also have 20 spellings to learn to be tested on Friday. The spellings will be words related to the spelling pattern we are working on in class and words from the Year 5/6 spelling list.

Also, please carry on monitoring your child's reading each night. It really does make a difference. We are able to teach reading skills to your child at school but practise does need to happen on a regular basis at home. Please sign your child's Reading record daily, even if they have just read to themselves.

Finally, we are looking forward to our residential trip to Grittleton House in Wiltshire from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. More information will follow closer to the date.

Please feel free to contact me via the office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Ms Hall  
Indigo Class Teacher

