

Year 6 Curricular Letter



Summer 2

First of all, a huge congratulations to every single member of Year 6 for the effort they have put into their work throughout the year so far and especially during the run up to SATs and, indeed, during SATs week. They did themselves, school and you proud! They were truly tremendous and showed sheer determination, confidence and perseverance. Albeit the final half term at St George's for Year 6, we still have a lot to get through. The children are underway with rehearsing for their end of year production, they will be turning their minds to creating fair games ready for the summer fair and as a school we endeavour to maximise our remaining time with this wonderful group of children to prepare them for the next stage of their education - transition to high school.

If you have any questions about what your child is up to on a day-to-day basis, get in touch with us and we will be delighted to speak to you at greater length.

The Half Term Ahead

DT

Can I make money for school using my DT knowledge?

Science

What is blood made of and why do we need it?

Geography

Have local land changes been positive or negative?

PE - Dance

RE

What is the nature and character of God?

History

What are the main legacies of the Athenians on the Western World?

English Wonder

A great deal of effort will go into rehearsals this half term to ensure that you have a great night on **Tuesday 14th July** when you come to watch the Year 6 production of 'Gigglebox'. Each child will act, sing and dance; putting a production together is a wonderful opportunity for the class to work together and to learn new skills, discover new talents and, in some cases, develop a love of drama, singing and dancing that will last a lifetime. It gives each and every one of them the chance to work independently within small groups and take responsibility for producing a polished and entertaining performance - memories of which will last a lifetime! We hope you will be able to join us for this

wonderful celebration evening. May I take this opportunity to say thank you for helping your child practice their lines and songs - it has already had a great impact on our rehearsals.

This half term, we also have the summer fair on **Monday 6th July**. As you may already know, Year 6 have the opportunity to design, develop and create their own game to help raise money. This year we will be creating our own traditional games so keep hold of that cardboard and the odd coconut you may have lying around. The same safeguarding procedures as the Christmas fair will apply. Please make sure your child signs in and signs out with either Mrs McVittie or Mr Norris.

As always, to round off Year 6's time at St George's we will be hosting our usual end of year celebrations for them including: the production, a sleepover, final day breakfast and blessing and ofcourse, signing of their St George's polo shirts. Please keep a look out for more information regarding each of these events on future newsletters.

MATHS

For maths in Y6, we are continuing to use the Red Rose scheme of learning, supplementing where necessary with Maths No Problem and testbase. This half term we are recapping the 4 calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) in preparation for Key Stage 3. Please continue to work on recalling times tables as mentioned in previous newsletters as it really is vital that the children are able to recall times tables quickly as this helps them in so many other areas and will have a real benefit in the work for this half term.

READING

Every child in school is given a school reading book and has the responsibility to change their own book when finished or when they are ready for a change. We have invested heavily in the new reading scheme and indeed the calibre of the home readers is truly phenomenal. Year 6 children are expected to read aloud to an adult three times a week. Despite the children being older, it is still equally important for them to be listened to by an adult and questioned about what they have read e.g. why a character has behaved in a certain way; what do they think could happen next, what language they have found challenging or indeed interesting. As the books get more in depth, it might be an idea to share the reading to maintain the interest. If children are enjoying their own books at home, this is sufficient for their reading book as long as it is appropriate and healthily challenging.

English

This half term we will delve back into creative writing based around our previous Guided Reading book of Wonder. This inspiring story follows Auggie Pullman, a young boy with a facial difference, as he navigates the challenges of attending a mainstream school for the first time. Through this text, students will engage in various writing activities aimed at consolidating their writing skills. By exploring themes of empathy, kindness, and resilience, we aim to prepare students for the transition to high school by enhancing their writing abilities and encouraging thoughtful self-expression. In addition to this, the children will also begin rehearsals for the Year 6 production which we promise shall be quite the spectacle.

Important dates this half term:

- Go Ape, Blackburn - Monday 22nd June
- Sports Day - Wednesday 24th June
- Sunday 28th June - Walking Day
- Rivington Walk - Wednesday 1st July
- Summer Fair - Monday 6th July
- Y6 End of year treat (Duxbury) - Friday 10th July
- Y6 Production - Tuesday 14th July
- Church - Wednesday 15th July
- Y6 Sleepover and disco - Thursday 16th July
- Friday 17th July - breakfast and blessing

We would like to take this final opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for the unwavering support you have given both your child and the school over the course of their time at St George's. They are a wonderful group of children who we are most definitely going to miss but we can't wait for the excitement of this final half term.

As ever, should you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school or drop us an email on g.mcvittie@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk or t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk
Many thanks again for your continued support.

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