



# Welcome to Year 6 Summer Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in our final term of Year 6. The children have worked so hard throughout the year and we are beyond proud of them. It's now time for them to reap the rewards of their hard work and have some much-needed relaxation and relief (as well as still working hard!). We have lots of exciting things planned for our children, including our trip to Holland and many end-of-year activities to help prepare them for their next learning journey and transition into secondary school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Burns, Mr Ryan, Miss Dalgarno and Miss Din.



## Maths

This term, the children will be consolidating all of their learning from this year including using all four operations, fractions, position and direction, decimals, percentages, algebra, converting units, perimeter, area and volume, ratio, statistics and properties of shape. We will be having themed projects to help with the consolidation of this knowledge.

1-Minute Maths is an app that can be found on the AppStore or Play Store which is designed for recall of essential number facts. Use this at home to increase your knowledge and recap number facts.

TTRockstars should still be used weekly where each child is expected to achieve at least 500 points.



## RE

This term we will be studying the three themes of: Pentecost (Witnesses), Universal Church (Common Good) and Reconciliation (Healing). We are encouraging the children to become philosophers by engaging in philosophy lessons at the start of each topic to answer the BIG question. We will also study Sikhism as our other religion.

In Year 6, the children will be encouraged to increase their depth of religious knowledge and understanding by exploring a variety of religious sources such as hymns, artwork, prayers and scripture, and making links between these.



## English

This term in English, we will be writing a courtroom closing argument linking to Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' where the children will defend the earth and the effects of climate change and global warming. We will link some of our writing to our local RAF history topic and write diary entries and poetry based on this. Children will be using higher level punctuation and using a range of sentence types to make their writing effective.

We will also be working hard on our handwriting, spelling and presentation.

## Science



During the Summer term, we will be learning about Animals including Humans and Living things and their habitats. Animals including Humans explores biological systems within the body in more depth such as the: muscular, digestive, skeletal, muscular and the respiratory system. We will explore the similarities and difference between animals and humans as well as the impact of diet, exercise and drugs on the body. In addition to this, we will start to look at a new topic, Living Things and their Habitats. Here, the children will look at the classification systems used for living things.

## Computing

Children will be exploring Crumble equipment this term. The equipment relies on physical hardware such as programming chips, motors, lights and buzzers. The children will then programme the chip to create an interactive game.

## pe

Our PE lessons this topic will be delivered by Jamie Poole and supported by our teaching staff. For the first half term we will be developing our skills within cricket. The children will learn the rules of cricket and develop their batting, throwing, catching and fielding skills within this sport. In addition to this, children will go on participate in athletics lessons and tournaments where they learn a variety of track and field skills.

Please remember to have PE Kits in school (white tops/red shorts and trainers).

## PSHE

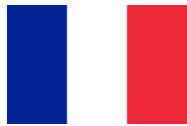
To highlight the importance of PSHE, we will be participating in PSHE launch day where we look at an individual lesson from each of the three strands: relationships, living in the wider world and health and wellbeing. We will also be starting Sexual Health and Relationship Education through the Life to the Full programme – more information to follow.

## History & Geography

This term, we will be studying two different topics: USA (Geography) and Local RAF (History). Initially, the USA topic, we will explore the different climates, time zones and human and physical features. Thematic maps will also be used to show us the diverse weather conditions that America experiences. In the RAF we will be exploring the early life of the RAF, how it developed, the Battle of Britain and the role Thornaby played in WW2.

## French

Bonjour! In French our topic will be, 'Ma Journee' where we will be talking about daily routines, then 'Les Transports' where they will name various from of transport and places.



## Art, Music and D&T

In art we will be exploring Street Art where they will create their own piece after looking at the use of street art throughout history.

In D&T children will be designing and making their very own kites. They will research and investigate different types of kites then design, make and evaluate their own.

In Music, children will be looking at how music shapes our life by celebrating lots of different music styles. We will do this through listening, singing, playing, composing and performing.

## Homework

**Reading** is very important. We ask that you listen to your child read minimum two nights a week. This has been reduced from 3 due to the fact we have implemented Reading Plus. We also ask that each child completes a block of Reading Plus assignments each week – this is also completed during school time. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

**Spellings** will continue to be sent home every other Thursday. Please help your child to learn their words every other week for a test on the following Thursday.

## Important Dates!

**Holland: June 12th-18th – we will provide more information on this shortly after SATs.**

### SATS Dates

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – SPAG Paper 1 (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Paper 2 (Spelling)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Reading Paper**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)**

