

YEAR SIX: SUMMER TERM 2026

Information for parents and carers



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ENGLISH

We are working hard on our Reading and Grammar to prepare for the end of key stage assessments in May. Following this, we will focus on writing a range of different pieces including narrative and non-narrative pieces. We are reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar in class and will use this to support our comprehension and writing activities. This text also links to our History topic 'Crime and Punishment'.



MATHS

Prior to SATS in May, we will continue to work on revision of the Year 6 maths curriculum with daily arithmetic and reasoning sessions. In the first half term we will complete transition activities that will support and prepare children for their move to Key Stage Three.



SCIENCE: ELECTRICITY

Children will learn how to:

associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit; compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches; use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.



SCIENCE: LIVING THINGS

In this unit, children identify the kingdoms of life and learn to classify living things within those kingdoms. The children will be introduced to the Linnean system of classification and will be able to develop their practical scientific skills through investigating mould growth on bread.



GEOGRAPHY

Where does energy come from?

Learning about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, where they come from and their impact on society, the economy and the environment.

(This unit is continued from Spring Term)



PE - WEDNESDAY (UNTIL HALF TERM) THEN WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY AFTER HALF TERM

Games: Cricket / Rounders / Athletics
Commando Joe - Transition Unit



MUSIC

Classroom Jazz— Glockenspiel (continued from Spring term)

Preparation for Leavers' Assembly



MFL (FRENCH)

To help prepare for KS3 we will revise some of the core language taught in KS2 such as greeting, colours, names of days of the week, numbers to 20 and other basic phrases to express opinions.



HISTORY: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

This unit is a study through time of how crime and punishment has changed from Roman times to modern day.



ART & DESIGN

Making memories

This unit teaches pupils to create expressive sculptures and reflect on artistic decisions. Children learn to represent memories through art, using various materials and techniques, and develop skills in planning, creating, and evaluating 3D sculptures.



PHSE: HEALTHY MINDS, HEALTHY BODIES

This term our PHSE lessons have a theme of change or transition. We will focus a lot on the transition to secondary school identifying how to deal with their feelings about this change.

We will have a visit from the School Nurse Team on 19th May to discuss puberty

We will also learn about online safety and drug safety.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Electrical Systems: Making a Steady Hand Game

This unit links to our science work on electrical components. Children will make a classic 'steady hand game' incorporating the necessary components into their design.



COMPUTING

This unit introduces spreadsheets: (organising and formatting data, formulas, using spreadsheets to plan an event, creating charts, and evaluating results).

We will also use microbits for programming lessons.



HOMEWORK

The extended school day will end after SATs and children will come to school at the usual time of 8:40am (starting from Friday 15th May).

Please keep reading throughout the summer term!



DIARY DATES (KEEP AN EYE ON THE FRIDAY LETTER ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY MORE DIARY DATES)

4.5.26—School Closed (MAY BANK HOLIDAY)

WB 11th May —SATs Week (children are invited to attend our free breakfast club from 8.20am on each day of the SATs)

20.5.26—Y6 visit to Gibside National Trust for a 'Wellbeing' Day'

22.5.25—Stargate Memorial Event (more details to follow) End of Half Term

2.6.26—Return to School

30th June—1st July —TRANSITION DAYS @ THORP ACADEMY (contact school for dates of other secondary transition days if you are unsure)

6.7.26—Sports and Health Week

7.7.26—SATS RESULTS DAY

10.7.26—KS2 Celebration afternoon

13.7.26 —Sports Day

14.7.26 - Reports

15.7.26—Year 6 Prom @ Tyneside Golf Club (7-9pm)

16.7.25—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

