



Term 6

Key Dates for the Diary

Reports out	8.7.19
KS2 Sports' day 9:30	9.7.19
Yr 5 Drama workshop at Hastings Academy 9:00-12:00	10.7.19
KS2 Parents' evening 2:00-6:00	10.7.19
Last day of term	Tuesday 23.7.19

Theme week

Science Week 1.7.19– 5.7.19

Summer weather

Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle that they can keep in class, as we do not have clean cups available and they need to drink regularly when the weather is hot.

Please apply sun cream before school on hot days.

THIS TERM'S LEARNING JOURNEY TITLE

This term we will be reading 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar. This is always a popular book and tells the story of Bradley Chalkers, a school boy who keeps getting in trouble at school, and pushes people away. Things begin to change for him when the school takes on a counsellor who can see the good in him, but things don't change quickly or easily. Louis Sachar has written other books for KS2 children– Look out for 'Holes', which is very highly rated.

In Science this term we will be focusing on lifecycles and reproduction in plants and animals. This will link in to our Sex and Relationships Education unit towards the end of the term. The focus in year 5 is on puberty, though sexual reproduction is also briefly covered. Children will be taught the facts they need to know as they grow up, and will also explore the crucial themes of respect and consent. Children will have the chance to ask questions anonymously so we can clarify any misconceptions and reduce any worries they may have. We will be sending out another letter soon, giving details of a time you can meet to discuss this prior to teaching, should you have any concerns.

In RE we will be learning about Judaism, and in ICT we will be looking in more detail at how to stay safe online. PE is predominantly athletics this term in preparation for sports day.

HOME LEARNING

See our year 5 homework grid for ideas for home learning! Please also do all you can to support your child in improving their knowledge of times tables and other number facts, as this knowledge makes the maths we do in class so much more accessible. Why not fire a few times table questions at them on journeys, or make up games... it doesn't matter if you don't remember them, they will still benefit from being tested by you.

Please please please ensure your child is reading at home. It doesn't matter if they are reading to you, siblings, pets or themselves. An increase in 'reading mileage' (the amount of text they read) will be hugely beneficial as they move into year 6, not to mention for the rest of their lives! Book talk is also important. Ask them about the characters in the books they are reading, or about the book we are reading in class. Can they compare characters, talk about their feelings, make predictions and summarise what has happened?

PE DAYS / REMINDERS

PE is every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has kit in school, and that their plimsolls still fit them. Running in some styles of school shoe is unsafe and uncomfortable.

If your child can't do PE on a given day, they will need a note from home to excuse them as it is a curriculum subject.