



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 6 Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful Easter break. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and have really hit the ground running this week.

Last term:

The Spring term was a busy one for Year 6 learning about WW2 and Refugees. The children really enjoyed their sessions with Paul Ullson and were really engaged with the 'Magistrates Day'. They have worked hard throughout this topic and have produced some stunning writing and artwork. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged in their learning. In addition, the children enjoyed visiting Chichester College to attend STEMfest, which really captured a lot of their imaginations.

This term:

KS2 tests

As a reminder, here are the dates for the KS2 tests:

Monday 13th May	Tuesday 14th May	Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May
Spelling, punctuation and grammar tests – papers 1 & 2.	Reading test	Maths tests – papers 1 & 2.	Maths test – paper 3.

This term's topic

The first few weeks of this term will primarily be spent preparing for (and doing) the KS2 tests, and so our final topic will start later this term. The topic is entitled 'Our Planet Matters' and is a geography based unit. However, the topic will encompass other areas of learning, such as Art and DT and is a topic that many of the pupils have discussed passionately about this year already. In addition, the children will focus on learning to help support with their transition to secondary school.

General Reminders:

P.E.

P.E. lessons will continue to be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. It is, however, useful to have P.E. kit in school all week from Monday morning, as the children may need them for clubs and ad-hoc sporting activities at different points during the week. Please continue to ensure kits are taken home over the weekend to be washed. If your child wears earrings and it is not possible for them to be removed for P.E., please let me know.

Home learning

Home learning tasks continue to be set once a week, typically in Literacy and Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. This will usually be set each Friday and due in the following Wednesday. We generally mark the home learning as a class on a Thursday or Friday so it is important that home learning is handed in on time so that this can be marked together. Additional copies of the home learning activities, if required, are left in folders in the classroom.

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include reading books (fiction and non-fiction), newspapers, magazines and comics. The wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. Lots of our writing this term will relate to tailoring writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. Many children will be reading independently, but please do continue to discuss the books or texts your child is reading from time to time – this helps to consolidate their understanding of what they are reading.

Thanks, as always, for your support. I look forward to being involved in your child's final term and hope to make it their most enjoyable yet.

Kind regards,

Mr Harman