



# TERMLY NEWSLETTER

## Year Six

### Summer Term 2022

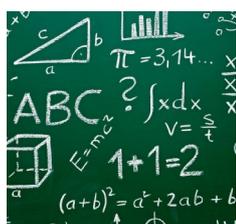
## English

In preparation for SATs, our initial focus this term will be on developing reading comprehension skills and the revision of grammar knowledge.

We will also continue to promote the enjoyment of reading and will read the book, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. This book provides us with excellent opportunities to explore fiction writing.

In writing narratives, the children will consider how authors have developed characters and settings from texts they have read and listened to. In their own writing they will be expected to describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action.

Spellings and handwriting practice will continue in class, however we welcome your support at home to ensure the children practise their weekly spellings.



## Mathematics

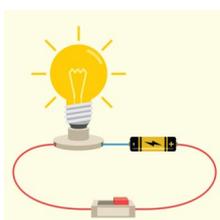
Work this term will commence with a concentration on revision for SATs. We will be revising major areas such as: fractions; decimals and percentages; ratio and proportion; shape, space and measures; area and perimeter; data handling; algebra and problem solving.

Later, we will continue our focus on investigative mathematics, providing opportunities for the children to apply their mathematical knowledge to 'real-life' problems.

Towards the end of the year, we will also look at developing the children's understanding and confidence in managing their own finances.

## Science

During this term, the children will be taught about electricity which will involve drawing and building simple circuits using the necessary components.



They will learn about variable resistors and how they can be used to restrict the flow of electricity to create a dimmer switch.

We will also look at living things and their habitats as well as exploring evolution and inheritance.

## Religious Education

This term, we will continue to explore the Christian faith through different denominations and we have arranged a visit to St Stephens Church in Twickenham to meet with their youth outreach team. We will then compare elements of the Christian faith to other religions within our local community.

## Humanities

This term, our topic will focus on the Isle of Wight. Prior to our visit, we will prepare the children by exploring the features of a coastline, in particular, an island. We will explore the causes and effects of coastal erosion and how our coastline has changed over time.



The children will also be using maps with co-ordinates, keys and appropriate symbols for the identification of features and places—both human and physical. We are hoping the children will put these skills to

the test during our school journey.

## KEY DATES

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| 4th May            | <b>Class school photos</b>                      |
| 9th—12th May       | <b>SATs week</b>                                |
| 13th May           | <b>End of SATS Disco</b>                        |
| 20th May           | <b>SMSP Sports Day</b>                          |
| 23rd May           | <b>Visit to St Stephens Church, Twickenham</b>  |
| 30th May—3rd June  | <b>Half term</b>                                |
| 15th—16th June     | <b>Oliver Jr—7pm</b>                            |
| 27th June—1st July | <b>IOW Residential trip</b>                     |
| 4th July           | <b>Richmond Secondary Schools Induction Day</b> |
| 20th July          | <b>Leavers' Assembly</b>                        |
| 21st July          | <b>End of Term</b>                              |

## PE

During the first half term, PE will include gymnastics and cricket. Gymnastics will be taught by our specialist Kick Coaches during indoor PE.

After half term, our focus will be on developing team sports and ball skills through the teaching of rounders and basketball.



## French

This term, we will continue the topic of 'Our World'. Children will learn the names of countries and discuss the geography, climate and animals there. Pupils will learn to compare features of a country and to develop their use of key verbs in French.

## Music/Drama

This term, pupils will continue with their study of music through the decades.

We will also continue to develop their performance and music appreciation skills as we prepare for our production of Oliver Jr.

## Computing

The children will complete and test their apps at the start of this term. They will also complete the unit of work based on safety: they will learn the importance of responsible internet use and how to keep personal information safe.



In addition to this, they will learn how to use desktop publishing as they start to write and prepare their Yearbook.

## PE KITS

Please ensure PE kits are in all week and if the children use them for club participation, please ensure they are returned the next day.

Your child will not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons without a full kit. This may seem harsh, but we are trying to prepare children for the transition to secondary school where they may receive a detention for forgotten kit.

***As the weather becomes hotter, please ensure your child has sun-cream and a hat for their protection***

***In addition, please discuss the importance of deodorant.***

## ART AND DT

In Art, we will be continuing our appreciation for significant artists and the technique they are famous for.

Later in the term, we will be looking at different playgrounds and their uses with a view to the children designing and creating their own models.

## PSHE

Whilst continuing to focus on our mental health and building resilience, we will also be exploring the importance of building positive, healthy relationships.

We will discuss why it is important to build positive relationships and discuss peer pressure and bullying—including cyber bullying. The risks and pressures from online relationships will also be explored in addition to teaching the children how to keep themselves safe whilst online—including gaming, mobile phone and internet use. This links closely to the work in Computing this term.

After half term, we will continue discussing puberty with the children and will continue our teaching of relationship and sex education. We will send further details nearer the time.

## EQUIPMENT

All children should come to school with a pencil case and the necessary equipment for the day.

This should include: a blue handwriting pen (no biro), a pencil, sharpener, ruler, eraser and glue stick. They also require a named water bottle.

## Home Learning

Homework will continue this term and will be given out on a **Thursday** and is due back by the following **Tuesday**.

Please encourage your child to complete homework tasks and hand in their work on time. This will be good preparation for life at Secondary School.

## YEAR 6 ASSESSMENTS

**Just a reminder that the children will be sitting their end of KS2 statutory tests this term: the week commencing Monday, 9th May to Thursday, 12th May.**

**We would like to ask for your help in ensuring the children arrive at school on time and with the correct equipment. Thank you for your continued support.**