



Year Six News

Summer 1

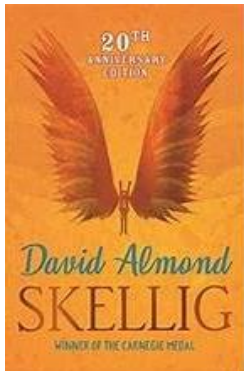
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April 2024

Welcome to the last term of Primary school for our year 6s!

With only one term to go, the children have a busy term ahead. This term brings a balance of hard work and excitement!

Children are coping well with the increased number of SATS practise papers that they are sitting and we are seeing huge improvements with every paper. The children are now becoming increasing test ready as we discuss and practise exam technique and time management in these first three weeks of Summer 1. We thank you for the added reassurance from home, it is very much appreciated. After the SATS papers are completed, we turn our focus to the year 5 and 6 performances, alongside our usual teaching of all other curriculum subjects.



English

In English, we start with the book 'Skellig' by David Almond. This adventure story is about ten-year old Michael who has recently moved into a new dilapidated house with his parents. His sister is born prematurely and in this heart-warming story of friendship, adventure and love, Michael discovers a secret buried in the garage that will change his outlook on everything. In the first three weeks, we focus on reading skills in order to prepare the children for their SATS papers. After this, we will create a newspaper article about Michael's discovery and write diary entries showing his change in emotions throughout the book.

Reading: Research tells us that children should still read **with** an adult with challenging but enjoyable texts every week. Although the children in year 6 are growing up quickly, and sometimes don't always enjoy settling down to a quiet book, it is still vital that they keep their reading up – especially in relation to their understanding and comprehension of the texts they are reading. Why not share the reading of a 'classic' book with your child or take a look at some of the following great reads: His Dark Material Trilogy by Philip Pullman, The Narnia series by C S Lewis, The Borrowers by Mary Norton, Holes by Louis Sachar. Or maybe try a non-fiction book such as Wild Boy: The Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron by Mary Losure, or Untamed The Wild Life of Jane Goodall by Anita Silvey.

Maths

This term sees us revising as many aspects of the Maths curriculum as possible, including fractions, the four operations and statistics, to ensure children have solid mathematical understanding that will help them to access the KS3 maths curriculum. Our main aim is to provide plentiful opportunities for the children to demonstrate their understanding of the Maths domains by using manipulatives, drawings, reasoning and discussion. Your continued support from home, such as practising times tables on the way to and from school, or giving them a nudge to complete their 4 weekly **Times Table Rockstars** sessions, goes towards building the children's confidence and fluency - thank you.

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Curriculum

This half term in history we will be looking at the Egyptians and their perception of the afterlife. In geography we are studying rivers and will be trying to make our own boats. After half term we aim to float them on a local stream.

PE

We are so pleased to have Active Me 360 leading our cricket lessons this half term. These will be on **Thursdays** and we will be practicing our athletics on **Fridays** in the run up to sports day.

Summer Production

We are excited to be announcing our summer production this half term. It will be....

SORRY you will have to wait until Friday 17th May.

There will be more information to follow about auditions and how you as parents and carers can help out, alongside help from FOMS.

SATs Celebration Afternoon - On Friday 17th May, we will be having an afternoon of fun and games to celebrate their completion of SATs. Watch this space for more information that will follow.

Kind regards,

The Year Six team - Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Argent

Dates for the diary:

6th May – Bank Holiday

13th- 16th Year 6 SATs Week

12th -Production reveal!

12th -SATs Party

20th -Audition weeks.

24th– Red White and Blue Day

27th – 31st May Half-term

3th June – Inset Day

11th – Sports Day

17th– Class Photos

26th and 27th – RMS Transition Days

9th- 10th July- Production

16th – School Reports sent home

18th, 19th 22nd- Bikeability

23rd July – End of School Year finish
1pm