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Summer 2 Overview: Year 6

Dear Year 6 Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, there are some exciting events coming up for Year 6. Timings for some of the events will be shared in due course, so please keep an eye out for further updates.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 11th June – Girls' Football Presentation

Friday 20th June – Trip to National Theatre

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June – Music Performance Week

Monday 23rd June – Thursday 26th June – Parents vs Children Online Kahoot Quiz

Tuesday 24th June – Headteacher Day

Friday 27th June – Boys' Football Presentation

Friday 4th July – Halstow Pride

Tuesday 8th July – Sports Day (Sutcliffe Park)

Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 vs Teachers Rounders Match

Wednesday 9th July – Open Parents' Evening

Monday 14th July – Year 6 End of Year Show Performances (One performance at 10 am, the other at 6 pm. It will be a ticketed event)

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for parents

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Ball

Friday 18th July – Last Day

Learning

This term in Literacy, Year 6 are diving into the world of suspense as they craft their own thrilling stories inspired by *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. Building on the rich themes and powerful imagery of the novel, pupils are learning how to create atmosphere, tension, and emotion in their writing. Through exploring techniques such as foreshadowing, short sentences, and cliff-hangers, they are developing their storytelling skills to grip the reader and leave them wanting more.

Now that we have completed the main year 6 maths curriculum, our focus this half term is on deepening the children's mathematical thinking through a range of problem solving and reasoning projects. The projects will include real-life maths scenarios, investigations and open-ended tasks where there may be more than one method or solution.

In Science this term, Year 6 are studying *Living Things and Their Habitats* alongside *Evolution and Inheritance*. They are exploring how to classify living organisms based on their characteristics and learning about the diversity of life in different environments. Pupils are discovering how species have evolved over time and adapted to their habitats through natural selection. From exploring food chains to examining fossils, they are developing a deeper understanding of how life on Earth has changed and continues to adapt.

In PE this term, Year 6 are focusing on athletics in their outdoor sessions, developing key skills such as sprinting, jumping, and throwing in preparation for sports day. Indoors, the focus is on dance, where pupils are learning and rehearsing choreographed routines for the end-of-year show.

Miss Holder's Class PE Days: Monday (outdoor) Friday (indoor)

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Please make sure your child/children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days. Other highlights include:

Spanish – What do you like?

PSHE – Anti-Racism

History – The impact of British History

Geography – Physical features of North America and The Great Pacific Garbage Patch

For our art project this year, Year 6 will be exploring the vibrant work of artist and author Faith Ringgold, with a particular focus on her story quilts. Inspired by *The Sunflower Quilting Bee at Arles*, pupils will learn about how Ringgold used art to tell powerful stories and celebrate African American history and culture. They will then create their own collaborative sunflower-themed quilt and lino prints.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their leavers' play, and it's already shaping up to be a fantastic performance! To help them feel confident and ready for the stage, we encourage children to continue practising their lines and songs at home. The full script and all the songs have been uploaded to Google Classroom for easy access and regular practice.

Our best wishes,
Year 6 Team