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Summer 1 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the start of Summer term! We hope you all had a restful break. As you are aware, this is an important term for Year 6 due to SATs taking place in week 5. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to support them with revision, practice and confidence-building to ensure they feel as prepared as possible. To help at home, please ensure your child is completing their LbQ home learning. These activities are carefully set to reinforce key skills and provide valuable practice in the lead-up to SATs.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gambier Miss Holder

Maths In maths, our focus will be identifying and calculating angles, drawing shapes accurately and nets of 3D shapes. We will also have regular arithmetic and reasoning sessions in the afternoons as our SATs focus.

Literacy Throughout this term the children will be synthesising all they have learned in grammar, reading and literacy to create exemplary pieces of writing. They will look at two pieces from the Autumn term – their *Holes narrative* and their news article about *Alma*. They will revise and edit both with 'fresh eyes' to deepen their understanding of the benefits of redrafting. Following on from these, the children will explore another atmospheric short film as their writing stimulus.

Reading This term's reading lessons will focus on the very popular book *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. If you have a copy at home, please send it in for your child to use during daily reading lessons.

KEY DATES

21-23rd April – Mock SATs

29th April – Mini Marathon in schools

30th May – Boys Football A

1st May – Boys Football B

4th May – Bank Holiday

7th May – Polling Day

11th May – SATs
Grammar and Spelling Tests

12th May – SATs
Reading Test

13th May – SATs
Arithmetic and Reasoning tests

14th May – SATs
Reasoning Test

15th May –
Boys Football B

20th May - Singing Spectacular

21st May –
Boys Football A

22nd May – TRIP to Hall
Place

SATs Testing We have arrived at the SATs term! This will mean additional arithmetic and reasoning lessons to ensure children have the confidence they need to do their very best.

Please do not plan any trips between 11th – 15th May as it can be disruptive to have to make up the exams. The children have also worked so hard to do well on the SATs that they deserve their chance to shine. If you have concerns about the SATs, please get in touch with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

During SATs week, ensure your child is well rested, has a good breakfast and is at school on time. We start our warmups promptly at 8:50, so late arrivals can feel out of sync.

Attendance As we move into a new half term, we wanted to highlight the importance of attendance and punctuality. Regular attendance is vital in helping children feel confident and prepared in the lead up to SATs. It is essential that children arrive at school on time each day – even a few minutes late can mean missing important instructions and settling time. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives promptly each morning. Establishing a consistent routine will help them to feel calm, focused and ready to do their best.

Walking to School/Home Alone/Mobile Phones Many families have decided to let their Year 6 children walk home alone and carry a mobile phone with them to school. Mobile phones are not allowed in the classroom and must be handed in to the school office each morning. They will be returned to your child at the end of the day. Children are requested to keep phones off until they have left the school gates.

If you would like to give your child permission to walk to school or home on their own, please email the school office. This ensures we have a record of your child's permissions.

School Trip – Hall Place We will be visiting Hall Place in Bexley on Friday, 22nd May. If you are free to volunteer for this day, please let your child's class teacher know. We appreciate your help more than can be put into words!

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Gambier and Miss Holder