



Summer Term 2021

Year 6

Leopards & Zebras



Dear Parents,

We are now in our final term of Year 6 and your child's final term of primary school. We hope you are looking forward to the exciting events which will end our year together. We have put together this pamphlet to provide you with key information for Summer Term 2021.

If you have any worries, however small, please do not hesitate to contact us. At the moment, this needs to be done through making a telephone appointment by contacting the school office in order to keep everyone safe.

We hope that by working together we can make this term a very profitable one for your child. We will continue to ensure that all children make the best possible progress and are fully prepared for the transition to secondary school. We will continue to offer them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and encourage them to become independent learners.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Cameron and Miss Crumbley

Please look inside.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Start of the day – All Year 6 children are invited to Breakfast Club and are currently expected to be in school by 8.10am (entering through the hall or gym door). We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives on time and that they are ready for learning. Children will start the day with some online activities such as Reading Plus, TT Rock Stars, Read Theory, Education City, Spelling Shed or tutoring.

End of the day – Year 6 children currently finish school at 2.45pm. Those walking home alone will exit by the small gate on Axwell Park View. Please let the office know if your child is allowed to do this. A letter will need to be completed so that we have the correct records. Those who are being collected will be brought to the main yard at 2.45pm. Please follow social distancing and wait for your child to come to the front of their line to be handed over. Remember that those with siblings in Year 2 or 3 will leave via the gym/ hall.

Attendance- As a whole school we have an attendance target of 98% and we hope to constantly achieve or better this. Please ensure your child comes to school every day and remember to phone if they are absent. Work will be uploaded on Class Dojo for them to complete so that no child falls behind.

Uniforms and Coats - We would be grateful if all uniform could be clearly named! The only jewellery to be worn is a small pair of stud earrings and a simple watch.

Reading – Please remember that reading folders should be brought to school every day. We record which children have their folders in school on a daily basis. We would encourage you to write a comment in your child's reading record book every time you hear them read their books. Year 6 children can also write their own comments to show they are reading at home. Children should be reading for 15 minutes each day as part of their homework.

PE – Year 6 have up to two PE lessons per week. One lesson will be outdoors on a Thursday morning with our PE coach. Children will need to come to school wearing appropriate sportswear and trainers on this day.

Homework – Homework will be given out up to 3 times per week. This will be in a variety of forms but will often be a short task related to our learning in maths, reading or Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG). This task should take no longer than 15 minutes and is not a test. All homework will be marked together in class on the due date so that children receive instant verbal feedback of how they have done and understand how to make progress. Children should be doing 30 minutes of homework each night so the other 15 minutes should be used for reading. This can be using Reading Plus, Read Theory or reading their book.

Milk and fruit– Please note that all children in Year 6 will receive free milk and a piece of fruit each day, as well as a piece of toast.

Class Dojo- We will continue to communicate key messages with parents using the Class Dojo App. It is vital that you are checking this regularly to ensure that no messages or updates are missed. Please let us know if you need a new code to access this.

This is what we're doing this term!

English	Year 6 will continue to study a wide range of texts this term. We will cover narrative, non-fiction, and poetry in a variety of ways. We will use a variety of shorter books and videos to focus our writing on and will use ideas from the CLPE Power of Reading.
Maths	We will continue to cover and revise the nine key areas of mathematics. These are: number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, ratio and proportion, algebra, measures, geometry, position and direction and statistics. Throughout each area we will be relating the maths to 'real life' contexts and situations in order for the children to see how mathematical skills are needed in everyday situations.
Science	This term in science we are focusing on two new areas. Our first topic is the circulatory system and we will learn about the parts of our heart and lungs. After half term we will learn about famous scientists including Stephen Hawking. We will also revise our work on light which was taught over lockdown. Children will continue to plan, carry out and investigate their own experiments to promote independence and critical thinking.
Computing	We will continue to use computers and iPads in all areas of the curriculum. The children will continue to develop skills using Microsoft Office and using specific programmes for a given purpose. We will look at using green screen and will also design our own PowerPoint presentations reflecting on our time at Bridgewater.
PSHE/ RE	This term in PSHE we will thinking about growing up and moving on. We will learn about the changes which happen to our body during puberty and will think about the transition to secondary school. In RE we will learn about the importance of worship and expressing faith through arts.
P.E.	In P.E this term we will continue working with Lewis who is our PE coach. We will take part in some problem solving and outdoor adventurous tasks and will also learn to play rounders.
Music	We will have another 6 weeks of Band in a Box. Leopards will work on Bamboo Tamboo and Zebras will be doing djembe drumming. After half term we will work with Mrs Sinclair to create our leavers' music video.
Geography	This term in geography we will be learning about trade and economics. We will find out about Fairtrade and understand what a food supply chain is.
Summer term topic	In Topic we will be learning about The Ancient Egyptians. We will be base our enquiry question on this topic and find out about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We hope to link our work with real-life and link with the curators at the Great North Museum. We will also be producing artwork linked to this topic including creating our own Egyptian death masks and cartouches.

The Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care
One was a teacher;
The tools she used were books, music and art.
One a parent
With a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart,
Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was loving and sure;
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it over.
And when at last the task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought
And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher,
The home.

**Home and School
Let's work together!**