



Summer Term 2024

Y6 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 that will end our year together. We have put together this pamphlet to provide you with key information for Summer Term 2024.

If you have any worries, however small, please do not hesitate to contact us. At the moment, this needs to be done using Class Dojo, a brief chat on the yard at home time or through making a longer appointment by contacting the office.

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 their 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 Mrs Fenwick



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS



Start of the day - All Year 6 children are expected to be in school at 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 can have breakfast if they wish and will then start the day with some online activities using iPads or the computer suite.

End of the day - Year 6 children will continue to finish school at 3.00pm. Please let the office know if your child is allowed to walk home alone. A letter will need to be completed so that we have the correct records. Remember that those with siblings in Year 2 or 3 will leave via the gym/ hall and all Year 6 children will finish at 3.30pm on a Tuesday due to In Harmony.

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. Holidays will not be authorised in term time unless it is exceptional circumstances. An appointment should be arranged with Mrs Robson before making any plans. We will continue to award good attendance through a variety of initiatives.

Uniforms and Coats - We would be grateful if all uniform could be clearly named! The only jewellery to be worn is a very small pair of stud earrings and a simple watch. Children should not wear false nails.

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.

PE- Zebras have PE on a Tuesday morning and Leopards have PE on a Thursday morning. All children should have trainers for these sessions. As the weather gets warmer, children may wish to bring in a small roll-on deodorant. Sunglasses and caps can also be worn when we are outdoors.

Homework - Homework will continue to be given out daily. This will be a few pages from the Year 6 SATs revision guides up until the SATs in May. This will focus on either Maths, Reading or Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG). All homework will be marked together in class on the following day so that children receive instant verbal feedback.

Class Dojo- We will be continuing to communicate with parents using the Class Dojo App. Many parents are already signed up to this but it is vital that you are checking this regularly to ensure that no key messages are missed. Children can also have their own account.

Tuition- Year 6 tuition will continue for the first 5 weeks of Summer term (including SATs week). It will then finish so that tutors can become available for Year 5.

**Key Stage 2 SATs will take place from
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May**

**Stay away to Whithaugh Park will take place
Monday 24th June - Tuesday 23rd June**

This is what we are doing this term!

English	We will continue to cover narrative, non-fiction and poetry in a variety of ways. Both reading, and writing will be a focus to help the children learn and understand different styles and genres of each text type, so they can use these features in their own independent writing. We will be heard reading in guided reading groups. Children will also have weekly spellings to learn for a Friday. Children will continue to prepare for their SATs in reading and SPaG and then do these tests in week 5.
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. We will be solving problems and using our reasoning skills. Children will prepare for their arithmetic and reasoning SATs and then do these tests in week 5.
Science	We will learn about the circulatory system and respiratory systems and find out about how our heart and lungs work and how blood travels around our bodies. The 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, laptops and iPads in all areas of the curriculum. The children will continue to develop skills at word processing and using specific programmes for a given purpose. We will use Microsoft PowerPoint to create presentations reflecting on our time at Bridgewater. We will also use iMovie and green screens to create our own short films linked to our enquiry-based learning. We will be exploring coding using Crumbles (programmable controllers).
PSHE	This term in PSHE, we will be thinking about growing up and moving on. We will take part in workshops that will help us think about transition to secondary school. We will also learn about changes that happen to our body during puberty. The WEST Trust Health and Wellbeing week will also cover lots of additional PSHE including mental and physical health, healthy relationships and keeping fit. We will also continue our finance education through the Red Start programme.
P.E.	In P.E this term, we will be learning how to play rounders and tennis. We will try lots of new adventurous activities on our stay away to Whithaugh Park including canoeing, raft building, climbing and a zip wire!
R.E.	In R.E, we will learn about the importance of worship and compare this across different religions. We will also look at expressing faith through the arts and create our own stained glass window designs.
Music	We will continue our In Harmony lessons. On Wednesdays, we will have Ensemble where all of Year 6 play together in the Bridgewater Symphony Orchestra. We will also work with Mrs Sinclair to create our music leavers' video.

Art/ DT	In the first half of this term, we will focus on art and link this to our history topic. We will look at self-portraits and then move on to creating our own Ancient Egyptian death masks. After half term, we will do DT where we will design and make our own clock.
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. We will also work on a project learning about renewable energy.
History	In our history lessons, we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians. We will learn about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and how the Ancient Egyptians worshipped different gods and goddesses. We will consider the different roles people had in Ancient Egypt and will base our enquiry question on this topic.
Languages	We will continue to learn Spanish with Mrs Bennaceur. In the first half term we will learn how to talk about our future including different jobs we may like to do and then after half term we will learn key vocabulary about holidays.
Other events:	<p>We will take part in Enterprise Week. This will involve us learning about different careers and creating our own stalls. We will be attending our enterprise fair on Friday 24th May.</p> <p>Some Year 6 children will have the opportunity to go on a sailing trip down the River Tyne. More information will follow for children to apply for this exciting experience!</p> <p>We will be writing articles to appear in the Chronicle. Look out for these in the newspaper of Thursday 11th July.</p> <p>Children will have the opportunity to visit their new schools. This information will come directly to you from secondary schools.</p> <p>In our final week at Bridgewater we will be visiting Newbiggin-by-the-Sea for a lovely day out at the beach. This will take place on Wednesday 17th July.</p> <p>Our leavers' assembly will take place on the morning of Friday 19th July in the hall.</p>

