



Year 6

Half Termly Update

Summer 2

Dear Parents,

This is the last half term for the Year 6s at Duncombe and we have planned some exciting activities to help celebrate all they have achieved during their time here, as well as prepare them for the transition to secondary school. In the week beginning 30th June, some of our children will be going on the activity-filled residential at Cardfields. Those children who will be staying in school will also have a fun week including art and a visit to Cape Adventure Playground. As the end of the year approaches fast, children will be working on their production. Many rehearsals will take place and all will be working hard on producing our set, props and costumes.

English

We will be completing our core text, *Wolf Brother*, this half term. The children will be writing and publishing their own quest stories based on the story and we will be continuing to help develop their reading skills ready for the secondary syllabus. Comprehension and fluency skills will also be developed further using *Wolf Brother* as our key text. A lot of literacy skills will be worked on during production practice, with children working on learning lines, reading with expression and developing their performances.

Maths

Now that SATs have been completed, we can focus on skills we think will help prepare the children for secondary school. They will be working on key skills such as using calculators and solving more open-ended problems. The children will be covering topics in more detail and we will also be working on more multi-topic investigations which will help to keep their key skills proficient.

Science

In science, the Year 6s will be learning about light. They will learn that light appears to travel in straight lines and that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Children will learn how the human eye works. They will understand about white light and the spectrum of colours as well as gain a greater understanding about shadows.

Humanities and Art

We will be learning about Black British History. This will give children an opportunity to revisit times in history they have previously studied as well as new eras, whilst looking at key evidence of black people living in Britain during those times. They will be examining different sources of evidence to develop their understanding of inequality and the slave trade. Our art lessons will also focus on planning and designing pieces for our Peter Pan performance.

P.E.

The highlight of our P.E. calendar, sports day, will be held this half term, giving children an opportunity to work with a team to try out a multitude of sports! P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays this half term and the children must wear full P.E. kit into school, in order to participate safely. The children will be focusing athletics this half term.

PSHCE

We have booked workshops to look at transitions into secondary school, allowing children to explore their worries and hopes for this; we will be linking this to the Zones of Regulation. Children will learn about human reproduction in the context of the human lifecycle, how a baby is made and grows (conception and pregnancy), about roles and responsibilities of carers and parents, to answer each other's questions about sex and relationships with confidence and where to find support and advice when they need it. We will finish the year with sessions on transition into secondary school to help all children feel prepared and positive for the changes

Computing

Year 6 will continue be using the Microbits to code and program. We will also be started a collaborative project designing our own product.

Music

The children will have music lessons with a music specialist teacher to learn and perform different songs, leading up to working on songs for our school production, where they will control sounds through singing and instruments, as well as build technique and hopefully a passion for performing.

Homework

Children are expected to sign their reading diaries at home every night and bring it into school the following day to be checked. Homework will continue to be sent home weekly. We will continue to give children spellings every week. Spelling homework must be returned by Thursday, ready for the test on Friday. CGP reading will continue to be due every Thursday and CGP maths on Friday. We will also set children a doodlemaths task once a week, linked to what we have learnt this year.