

Robertswood School



Information About This Term's Work

Year 6

Summer Term 2019

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term. This letter is to tell you what we will be doing this term. Please remind your children to bring in all necessary equipment and kit (making sure all items are clearly named) so that they are able and ready to learn.

Children may bring in a bottle of water to drink as they work.

SATs

SATs week commences Monday 13th May. It is vitally important that your children are in school during this week. Please make sure children are well rested and eat breakfast before coming to school to give them the best possible chance to achieve their full potential.

SATs Timetable

Monday 13th May: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) – Papers 1 & 2

Tuesday 14th May: Reading Comprehension

Wednesday 15th May: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 16th May: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

All tests will take place during the morning sessions.

Homework

Homework will continue to be a weekly Maths and English task as well as a Brainbuilders task every third week.

Homework is given out on a Wednesday and is to be handed in on Monday. In preparation for Secondary School, if homework is not handed in on Monday, children will lose minutes and have to (re-)do the homework during their break or lunchtime.

Reading records will be checked weekly (every Wednesday) for at least five entries.

Dates for the Diary

Tea Dance – Thursday 23rd May

Year 6 Residential to France – Monday 17th – Friday 21st June

Year 6 Production to Parents – Thursday 18th July (afternoon and evening performances)

Year 6 Picnic – Monday 22nd July

Leavers' Assembly – Wednesday 24th July

More details to follow, nearer the time.

Below is an overview of the work we will be covering in class this term:

English

We will be revising the different areas of English, focusing on Reading Comprehension and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, in preparation for the Key Stage 2 SATs.

After the SATs, we will continue to focus on the text of **Goodnight Mr Tom** by Michelle Magorian.

In the unit, **Goodnight Mr Tom**, the children will learn:

- To use a text as stimulus for writing poetry.
- To look at different elements of character portrayal.
- To read with expression and empathise with a character.
- To represent a character through drama.
- To compare the book and film versions of the story, looking at similarities and differences. **The film is a PG; if you have any concerns, please come and speak to us.**

Maths

Times table knowledge continues to be key in all areas of Maths and it would be incredibly beneficial for all children to have a secure knowledge of their times tables (up to 12x12) in preparation for Secondary School. This term we will be revising in preparation for SATs. This will include working on both mental and written methods for the four main mathematical operations.

Science

We will be looking at chemical changes this term and describing a chemical change as being one where a new material is made and also how burning produces new materials. As part of the Living Things and Habitats topic, we will be describing the differences in life cycles of mammals and the process of reproduction. There will be a meeting for parents nearer the time – more details to follow in a subsequent letter.

P.E. and Games

Pupils will require their P.E. and games kits in school every Tuesday and Friday. It is recommended that they keep their kits in school all week in case of any changes. The foci this term is tennis, cricket and athletics. Children are allowed to wear caps/sun hats, but please ensure they are named.

Computing

Children will be further developing their coding skills using Scratch.

French

We will be recapping everyday phrases to assist the children with their language skills ahead of the residential trip to France. In order to link with History, we will also be looking at evacuation.

P.S.H.E./SEAL

P.S.H.E. will link with our Sex and Relationship Education topic and the coming changes ahead as they prepare to move onto their new schools.

History

The children will continue to learn about life during World War II, with a focus on childhood; this will include learning about evacuation, air raids and other key events. We will be hosting a Tea Dance on Thursday 23rd May.

Geography

In Geography the children will look at their local area to help develop their mapping skills.

Art

In the topic of 'Textiles', the children will investigate, collect and select visual information from artists' images to develop ideas. In response to this, they will create their own pieces.

Music

Year 6 will be learning new songs in preparation for their Tea Dance, End of Year Production and Leavers' Assembly.

We hope that you find the information in this letter useful to you. Please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment to see us and discuss any concerns about your child or their school work.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely

Year 6 Team

How You Can Help Your Child At Home

As part of the school's Homework Policy, children are expected to read at least 5 times a week (for at least 20 minutes). They should record the pages they have read as well as a brief summary (1-2 sentences) explaining what they have read or jot down interesting or new vocabulary which they can then use within their writing.