

Summer Term 2024 – Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have put together some information for this term, which outlines what we will be learning - along with some helpful guidance on being prepared for a successful final term in Year Six. Some key dates that you may wish to be aware of for the Summer term are:

- W/C April 29th – Bikeability
- W/C May 13th – SATs Week

Summer Term Learning Theme: Climate Change

We will be making connections through a variety of topics based around our theme:

Geography – Why do oceans matter? This unit will help the children to: describe the water cycle, explain how the ocean is used for human activity, describe how humans impact the oceans and the consequences of this and describe the benefits of the Great Barrier reef. It will also help explain how the ocean helps to regulate the Earth's climate and temperature.

History – The Lost Kingdom of Benin – during this topic we will be exploring where the ancient Kingdom of Benin was located and how it came to thrive. The children will also learn about the story of Eweka and finally discover how European invaders threatened the civilisation of ancient Benin.

English – Our whole class texts include: Spider and the Fly, Floodland and Shakespeare's Tales and we will also be revisiting pieces of writing that we completed earlier in the Autumn and Spring term and then improving and re-publishing them.

Science – Classification (plants and animals) and evolution and inheritance. During this unit, we will discover Linnaeus' system and identify a range of living things and then the topic culminates in designing their own new creatures that fit within the classification system.

Maths – We will be completing the Year 6 curriculum before our SATs by looking at statistics, geometry before moving on to problem solving, projects and investigations.

Year 6 Expectations

During the Summer term, we have expectation that the children should be organised and independent as they will need to during their time in secondary school.

- **PE lessons** are on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** - please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit (see school website for uniform policy).
- **Equipment**- children are responsible for their own equipment- many pencil cases will need to be replenished.
- As you will be aware, the classrooms need to be kept well ventilated, so windows and doors are open throughout the day - please bear this in mind as even though it is summer; some days may still be chilly.
- **Water bottles** should be brought into school each day and taken home on a daily basis to be cleaned. Please ensure that your child is safe and has **sun cream** applied before school and wearing a **sun hat** outside. They can bring the sun cream in to reapply if necessary, however we would strongly encourage the use of brands which do not need reapplying during the school day. Please ensure the bottle is named and does not include any nut-based oils.

Home Learning/ Seesaw

Home learning will be uploaded on to **Seesaw** each **Friday** - the children should complete this at home and upload their work by the following Thursday. Home learning tasks (excluding reading) should typically take no more than 60 minutes per week. Home Learning will usually consist of these tasks:

- **Weekly spellings** (10) these should be practised little and often throughout the week and will be tested in class.
- A **maths fluency task**, which is review linked to what we are learning in class.
- **Regular reading** (at least 4 times a week) this is really important for developing fluency in both reading and writing. It would be helpful if your child chooses books from a range of different authors and genres. We discuss book choices in class and are always happy to recommend a good book to the children.

We are looking forward to enjoying a successful final term at Holbrook. Summer term is a special term which usually includes a few celebratory events for our Year 6 leavers. We will also be performing the annual Year 6 Summer Show and more details will follow after SATs.

Thank you for your continued support.

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