

NORTHSIDE Durham University Year 6



Summer 1 Letter to Parents

Respect, Pride, Inclusion, Challenge, Creativity, Resilience

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a great break and that you are ready for the first half of our summer term.

Our big question for this half-term is

What happens when the planet rocks the world?

This is a geography topic: we will be learning about natural disasters and how they impact the world.

Key dates:






Tuesday, 28th April, 8.30am – SATs meeting for parents


Wednesday, 29th April and Thursday, 30th April – Parent Consultations

Thursday, 7th May pm - Trip to the Arts Depot to watch a rehearsal of the ballet, 'Swan Lake'

Monday, 11th May - Thursday, 15th May – SATs week

Monday, 18th May- Friday, 22th May- School Journey

<p>English</p> 	<p>We will plan and write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scientific information text • A moral tale set in the Amazon Rainforest <p>During the half term, we will be revising all of the grammar, punctuation and spelling objectives in preparation for the SATs.</p>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>We will be practising in preparation for the SATs reading paper, by completing short tests, often related to our topic of natural disasters.</p> <p>We will continue to develop our reading comprehension skills in our English lessons, as well as through non-fiction texts across the foundation subjects. We will be answering questions to help us retrieve information, explain answers, infer meaning and discuss why the authors chose specific devices in their writing. We will explore different themes and continue to make connections with texts we have read before.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • classifying and calculating angles within shapes • the properties of 2D and 3D shapes • how to accurately draw 2D shapes • the nets of 3D shapes • translating and reflecting shapes on a four-quadrant plane
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Our topic is Evolution and Inheritance. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how living things produce offspring of the same kind but which are not identical • how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways • adaptation and how it can lead to evolution
<p>Foundation subjects: Each subject has dedicated time, weekly.</p> 	<p>French: Our topic is The Weekend. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn vocabulary – telling the time accurately, activities and verbs • use connectives to create complex sentences to describe our weekends <p>PE: We will be learning athletics skills (shot-put, hammer throw, hurdles and more) in preparation for our Sports Day.</p>

	<p>DT: We will be looking at different stitching and creating our own piece using sewing skills (over this term and the next term).</p> <p>Humanities: in geography we will be learning about Natural Disasters and the impact they have on the world.</p> <p>Computing: we will continue to explore the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch.</p> <p>Music: we will create and produce music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrasts, using YuStudio on Charanga.</p> <p>RE: our big question for RE this half-term is 'What is our goal?'. We will be considering what different religion and worldviews teach about what is good, of worth or value, and the ultimate goal that individuals should aim for, focusing particularly on Sikhism.</p> <p>RSHE: we will be learning about keeping personal information safe and also about which substances are legal and illegal, looking at why people choose to use or not to use them.</p>
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Things to remember:

Mondays: Spelling tests

Wednesdays: children to wear PE kit

Wednesdays: bring swimming kit

Homework expectations:

The homework expectation is:

- reading daily (30 minutes every day)
- spellings to learn and be tested on once a week and Spelling Shed games
- MyMaths tasks
- Times Table Rockstars, weekly.

Please ensure that your child brings their Reading Record into school every day, with a comment from the previous evening and signed by an adult.

As per last half term, we will be giving homework as below:

Mondays: English Reading and Times Tables. **Due in on Wednesday.**

Wednesdays: Maths and Spelling and vocabulary. **Due in on Friday.**

Fridays: Arithmetic and English. **Due in on Monday.**

Your child may receive some extra homework if it is felt that it would be beneficial for them to complete additional tasks.

Contact information:

If there is any way that you can support our new topic, please let us know.

Please get in touch with us via the Whatsapp group, if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year 6 Team

Ms. Greenhill and Miss. Longworth