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Summer 2nd Half Term Curriculum Letter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and happy half-term break. We had a very busy first summer half-term and we hope that your children are looking forward to all the exciting learning that we have in store for this half-term!

Key Dates:

Thursday 11th June: International evening

Tuesday 16th June: Class photos

Friday 26th June: Junior School whole day out

Tuesday 30th June: Rocksteady concert




Wednesday 1st July: Rowan class assembly








Tuesday 7th July: Prize giving assembly

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July: Year 6 School production

Thursday 9th July: Queenswell Summer Fair

Friday 17th July: Last day of school



<p>English</p> 	<p>In Summer 2 English, we will be continuing to develop our writing skills through writing explanation texts and news reports. We will be learning how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use causal conjunctions and adverbials• punctuation to show parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas)• scientific and technical language• use a formal tone• punctuate direct speech using inverted commas• write reported speech• use time adverbials to structure our writing.
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>In Guided Reading this half term, we will use a range of non-fiction texts to explore how news reports and explanation texts are written and structured. Children will focus on understanding new vocabulary, making inferences about events, retrieving important information, summarising sections of the text, and predicting what might happen next.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>This half term in Maths, our first topic will be Position and Direction. In this topic, children will learn how to read and plot co-ordinates, identify lines of symmetry and how to translate and reflect shapes. Our second Maths topic will be Decimals, in which the children will learn how to add and subtract decimals using efficient methods and multiply and divide decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. We will</p>

	then be learning about Negative Numbers. This topic will introduce children to the concept of negative numbers and how to count through zero, finding the difference between positive and negative numbers. Our next topic will be Converting Units . In this topic, children will be converting units of length, mass and time, as well as how to convert imperial and metric units. At the end of the half term, our final topic will be Volume , in which children will learn how to estimate and calculate volume and capacity.
Science 	In Science this half term, children will be consolidating their learning about Living Things and their Habitats . They will be comparing the life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. In our topic Animals Including Humans the children will also explore how humans change as they age.
RE 	In RE, Year 5 will be exploring the Big Question: How do we get there? They will explore the journeys of different religious leaders and how they overcame difficult times. They will also spend time investigating a leader, founder or inspirational figure from one religion or non-religious worldview and consider why their story may help individuals make the right choices to remain on the path. At the end of the unit, children will reflect on who they would turn to for advice and support and why they would choose that person.
Spanish 	In Spanish this half term, the children will learn how to read and say vocabulary related to the story of ' Goldilocks and the Three Bears '. They will also learn about famous Spanish festivals and traditions , such as La Tomatina, Fallas de Valencia, Sanfermines and Dia de los Muertos.
PE 	In outdoor PE lessons, Year 5 will be continuing to develop their skills in athletics and cricket. Our indoor PE lessons will develop the basic movements of throwing, catching, jumping and dodging as we play some indoor invasion games.
DT 	In DT this half term, Year 5 will be making pop up books using different mechanisms. They will follow a design brief to design and create pop up books that use sliders, levers and layers, evaluating their final designs.
Humanities 	Our Geography topic this half term will be fieldwork. Children will be exploring a variety of physical and digital maps and the symbols used in these. They will create their own sketch maps of the local area and compare how features of the local area have changed over time.
Computing 	This half term in Computing, the children will be learning how to create code that generates random numbers, moves objects in different directions and changes speeds. They will also discuss how to stay safe, happy and healthy online in our Online Safety lesson.



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PSHE 	In PSHE, Year 5 will be completing Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) units. The children will be talking about the changes that happen during puberty and the reproductive system.
Music 	This half term in Music lessons, children will be exploring instrumental composition . They will experiment with different percussions and tuned instruments, creating and performing simple rhythmic patterns. They will create and perform short melodies and explore how musical composers express feelings and tell stories through music.

Things to remember:

PE days:

- **Wednesday (Rowan) and Tuesday (Birch)** : Children should wear PE kits for outdoor PE.
- **Friday (Rowan and Birch)** : Children should wear PE kits for indoor PE
- **Fridays:** Spelling test and new homework set for the week

Homework expectations:

The general homework expectations are:

- daily reading (20-30 minutes every day).
- spellings are to be learnt and practised on Spelling Shed. The children will be tested once a week.
- use Times Table Rockstars at least once a week.
- Complete the weekly task on MyMaths

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Miss Oxland and Ms Shiru