



NORTHSIDE Durham University - Year 6 Summer 2 Letter to parents and carers

Respect, Pride, Inclusion, Challenge, Creativity, Resilience

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a great half-term break and that you are ready for the final half of our summer term: your children's final weeks at Northside!

We will be continuing with the same big question that we posed last half-term:

What happens when the planet rocks the world?

This half-term is jam-packed with fun activities, production, leavers' activities, trips and much, much more. So, please read on to find out details of what the children will be learning, participating in and enjoying throughout the half-term. Whilst we hope to complete everything planned, this is very ambitious so there may be areas that do not get covered.

Our Terrific Text is '*Kensuke's Kingdom*' by Michael Morpurgo.

Our summer production is '*Rapunzel and the Barber Shop Bros*'.

Key dates:

Tuesday, 9th June: Sports Day at Queenswell. Parents are welcome to join and must drop off and collect from Queenswell.

Thursday, 11th June – Class photographs

Friday, 12th June – Ben Kinsella Knife Crime Workshop, Islington Library

Friday, 19th June: Energy Garden Workshop

Monday, 22nd June – workshop to prepare for Barnet Debate Challenge Day (6 children from Years 5 and 6)

Friday, 26th June – Junior Citizenship Morning, Finchley Youth Theatre

Thursday, 2nd July – Transition day to visit secondary schools for most pupils

Friday, 3rd July – Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Friday, 3rd July – Summer Fayre

Tuesday, 7th July – Barnet Debate Challenge Day (6 children from Years 5 and 6)

Wednesday, 8th July – Dress Rehearsal of '*Rapunzel and the Barber Shop Bros*'


Thursday, 9th July – our production of '*Rapunzel and the Barber Shop Bros*'. Please remember to buy your tickets.





Tuesday, 14th July – Open Evening for parents, 3.30-5.00pm

Wednesday, 15th July – KS2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Thursday, 16th July – Year 6 Dinner and Dance (5-7pm)

Friday, 17th July: Leavers' Assembly, 9.15-10.30

English 	We will plan and write: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a speech to the Year 5s about School Journey,• a re-telling of parts of our Terrific Text, showing changes in mood and atmosphere,• a recount of our sports day,• an advice letter to the new year 6s,• and a postcard from a character in our Terrific Text.
Reading	We will read our Terrific Text and explore themes, impressions and author's choice.

	<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 too. 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>We will also be focusing on fluency through our production rehearsals and performance: expression, pace, intonation and phrasing will be developed.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>The children will work together on an Enterprise project where they will plan and host an event to raise money for the school at the Summer Fayre.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Our topic will be Evolution and Inheritance. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fossils and how they provide us with information about the past. • how living things produce offspring of the same kind but 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>This has been rolled over from last half-term. We will also learn about how to keep healthy, as well as our unit on sex education (SRE).</p>
<p>Foundation subjects: Each subject has dedicated time, weekly.</p> 	<p>French: In French, the children will be creating presentations to the class using language learnt this year about our weekends, school subjects and clothes. We will also watch a French film.</p> <p>PE: We will be learning the skills needed to play tennis.</p> <p>Dance: We will be learning dances for the production.</p> <p>RE: Our big questions this half term is 'How do we get there?' We will be exploring how humans may carry out certain actions, behaviours and rituals to remain on their path and reach their goals.</p> <p>DT: We will be looking at different stitching and creating our own piece using sewing techniques.</p> <p>Humanities: we will be completing our topic on Natural Disasters. This includes our trip to the Natural History Museum where we will participate in a workshop about earthquakes.</p> <p>Computing: we will be completing our work on coding for a game.</p> <p>RSHE/SRE: we will be learning about relationships, puberty, conception, pregnancy and about families.</p> <p>Music: We will be learning the production songs for performance, singing in unison, harmonies, solo and group parts with expression and dynamics. We will be using warm ups, good singing posture and breathing.</p>

Things to remember:

Wednesdays: children to wear PE kit

Wednesdays: bring swimming kit and a packed lunch (if you have not booked a school dinner).

Homework expectations:

The homework expectation is:

- reading daily (20-30 minutes every day)
- Times Table Rockstars, weekly

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

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

