



## Green Class SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear Year 6 Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope that you all had a lovely break and a chance to relax. The children enjoyed a fun and creative first week with our theme week "Express yourself" where they took part in lots of different art and wellbeing related activities. We have such a busy final term ahead, so here are some of the key events to pop in your diary for the coming weeks:

### National Tests

The children all worked so hard last half term and are continuing to do so, especially during our booster sessions. We hope they have had a good rest over the holiday and are feeling confident and fully prepared for the forthcoming tests. After all their hard work they are ready to show all their learning. We ask for your support during test week in particular by making sure that everyone arrives at school promptly and well rested – this can make such a difference to how well the children perform on the day. Please remember that if you have any questions about the tests feel free to come and see us after school.

### Here is the test timetable:

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test	English Reading Test	Maths Test 1 Arithmetic  Maths Test 2 Reasoning	Maths Test 3 Reasoning

### Test Week Breakfast

During the week of the Tests all the Year 6 children are invited to come into school at 8.20am (no earlier!) to join us in the Year 5 classroom for a toast and fruit breakfast.

### Party

To celebrate the end of SATs week, we will be having a party on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to make donations of food or drink for our party, a sign-up sheet will be displayed outside the Year 6 classroom.

**PE** lessons will continue to be on Tuesdays, Fridays (and occasionally Thursdays) and we will take part in the daily mile on most days. As the weather improves, we may want to go outside on alternative days, therefore it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including trainers for outdoor PE work.

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

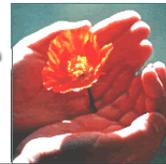
### Curriculum focus

This term our main topic is geography based titled "Journeys"

Please see the topic overview attached.

In maths, after test week, we will be developing our knowledge of algebra further as well as looking at a range of statistic strategies including constructing pie charts.

In English we will use a range of texts to show journeys such as The Arrival, Shaun Tan; Shackleton's Journey, William Grill and Journey, Aaron Becker to form our own narrative pieces.



### PSHCE Theme

An important part of our curriculum is PSHCE (Personal, Emotional, Social and Citizenship Education), which supports children's development in the underpinning qualities and skills that help us manage life and learning effectively. This half term's theme across the school is 'Relationships'. The children will be considering the important relationships in their lives and some of the feelings associated with these. As part of this theme the children will look at feelings of loss, and understanding what these mean. Some children may have only limited experience of loss, but others may have experienced bereavement, parental separation or divorce. For most children it will be very valuable to have an opportunity to think about these issues. For some children, though, this might be really difficult – for example if they have experienced a recent loss. Please let us know if you feel that your child will find this topic tricky. It is obviously a sensitive topic and we are happy to talk in more detail about this if you would like to.

### Homework

For the first half of the summer term, children will continue using their CGP 10 minute Practice Tests. In the following weeks, there will be a focus on learning songs and lines for our performance at the end of the Summer Term.

If you have any questions relating to the homework, please do come and see me after school.

### Condover Hall Residential Visit

As you know our residential visit will be to Condover Hall, Shropshire, from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a meeting to discuss the exciting events of the week on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – you should have received a separate letter detailing this.

If you have any other questions then please feel free to pop in after school. The children (and adults) are all very excited about the trip and know we will have a very busy but exciting week away.

If your child is not going on the trip, they will be expected in school each day (apart from 1 day for those celebrating Eid.) Alternative provision has been arranged for the children.

### Summer Performance

Year 5 and 6 will be performing our summer show in July. As usual there will be 2 performances both in the evenings of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Information about these performances and tickets will go out nearer the time.

### Year 6 Class Assembly

Our class assembly is not until the end of term and is the leaving assembly which will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am. It would be lovely if you were able to come and watch this special assembly, although you may need to bring your tissues with you!

### Secondary School visits

A representative from each of the secondary schools usually visits to meet the children during this term and we are confirming these appointments now. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July the children will also spend the whole day at their new schools. More details on timings for this day will come to you directly from the secondary schools.

### Sun Safe

To encourage the children to develop healthy sun safe habits, please could they bring in a water bottle and sun hat each day. You may also like to make sure they have their sun protection cream on **before** they come to school each day.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do come and see me at the end of the day if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

**Sarah Rowlett & the Year 6 team**