



Year 6 - Summer 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to the final and most exciting term of our school year in Class 6. Our Key Stage 2 SATs are fast approaching and we are very busy in preparation for the big event. All of the children are working extremely hard, taking on board responsibility for their own learning and they will, we are sure, continue to strive towards their goals in their final term at St. Stephen's. It is a popular myth (invented by children, I think) that education, as we know it, stops after SATs. However, life in Class 6 will once again return to 'normal' when our SATs tests are over. We are looking forward to continuing with our writing, based around the book 'Grimm Tales' and catching up on lots of creative activities through, for example, Science experiments, D.T and P.E. (We hope the weather is kind to us so that we can use the outdoor environment as much as possible.) Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say it has been a pleasure to work with you and your children this year. They are a lovely group of young people and we wish them all the very best as they move on with their lives and meet new challenges.

Miss Binks

Our curriculum

Writing- Our writing will be based upon 'Grimm Tales for Young and Old as told by Phillip Pullman'. This sequence of lessons will get the children to examine a range of Grimm Tales, look closely at the common characteristics, analyse the language, characterisation and common story structures, before writing their own Grimm Tale, planning for a balance of dialogue and narrative and use devices to advance the action quickly.

Science- Within Science, the children will learn about a range of forces: gravity, air resistance, friction and water resistance. Children will be able to identify the effects they have that act between moving surfaces.

DT/Art- Children will explore South America, with a particular focus on carnivals. They will then be researching, designing and creating their own carnival masks.

History- This term, the children will investigate a significant turning point in British history: the Battle of Britain. They will gain an overview of the battle, finding out where it fits on a timeline, and explore the main events leading up to the battle and the battle itself. They will then look at the people and things that played a part in the Battle of Britain.

Geography- Within Geography, the children will explore California, a state located in the west coast of the USA. The children will reflect upon what makes California special and unique. They will learn about California's origin, physical landscape, man-made features, climate and economy.

Diary Dates

9 th -12 th May	KS2 SAT's
13 th May	KS2 SAT's party
26 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day
	<i>full details to follow</i>
30 th May - 5 th June	Half term holiday
7 th June	Y6 Leaver's Service at Durham Cathedral
8 th June	Y5 at Parkside as part of a 6 week transition programme. Visits will take place every Wednesday afternoon for 6 weeks.
9 th June	Y5 & Y6 visit to the Sikh Gurdwara
15 th June	Y3 & Y4 visit to Beamish Museum
24 th June	School closed - PD Day
30 th June	Y1- Y6 Sports Day - 1.15pm
w/c 4 th July	Y1 to Y6 Race for Life
7 th July	Moving up day
	Y6 Parkside transition day
11 th July	Parents Evening
15 th July	Y6 South Shields
16 th July	Y6 Leavers Service at St. Stephen's Church - 6.00pm
20 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in school - 9.15am
20 th July	Last day of the Summer Term - school day ends at normal time.
21 st July	School Closed - PD Day
	Summer Holiday begins
22 nd July	Children return to school on Wednesday 7 th September

Drinking Water in School

As you know research has shown that children perform better in school if they drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day. For this reason we encourage children to bring a bottle of water to school, which they may drink in class. Plain water is best however, we understand that some children will not drink plain water so we are happy for them to bring weak juice. **We must ask that children do not bring fizzy water.** If you have any queries or concerns about this matter please contact me. We greatly appreciate your support.



P.E.

On Mondays, children will need to come to school in full P.E. kit. This must include trainers, jogger/leggings and some sort of jumper /hoody, as when possible PE will take place outdoors.

Summer

As we know the British weather can be very unpredictable. We would appreciate it if your child could come to school with sun cream and a hat in the Summer months.

Leavers Service

Once SAT's are finished the preparation for the leavers service will begin. This year has gone by so quickly! If possible, we would like the children to bring in a photograph of themselves which shows them in their younger years.

Earring Policy

We are concerned about the number of children who are wearing earrings to school. Can we please remind parents that it is our school policy that children **must not** wear earrings or jewellery whilst in school. We request this for health and safety reasons to avoid possible injury to your child and other school children. If your child has had their ears pierced recently and is not yet able to remove them, they must be covered with a plaster or tape, can we please ask that this is done at home. Once the recommended healing period has ended the earrings should then be taken out for school. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter and if you have any queries please contact me.