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Dear Parents,

### **Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Summer Term 2017**

Welcome back. We look forward to teaching your children for their last term in Key Stage 2. I hope your children are looking forward to an enjoyable term.

We have been very pleased with our SATs results in recent years and support the importance of assessing the pupils at the end of Key Stage 2. This informs us of their achievements in English and Mathematics providing valuable data to Key Stage 3 staff: both at Long Close, for those pupils staying on, as well in other schools they may be moving on to. Indeed, the requests for information we receive from the pupils' next schools include SATs predictions and results, and may also be used by them to initially group the pupils in those subjects.

#### **SATs week 08/05/17 – 11/05/17** (No exams on 12/05/17)

The SATs tests in English and Mathematics will be marked externally, apart from the writing element which is internally assessed and made available for external moderation.

Your children have completed practice papers during the Easter break and we will also be revising during lessons.

There are also useful websites such as:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize)
- [www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision)
- [www.satsguide.co.uk](http://www.satsguide.co.uk)

Please encourage your children to revise and make the most of these websites; they should particularly focus on the topics they find most challenging.

#### **Curriculum topics:**

**English:** SATs revision and examination technique practice. Whilst many of the pupils no longer require supervised reading, please do continue to encourage your child to read regularly and widely at home and encourage them to read aloud too, as this really helps fluency. The development of your child's vocabulary will be greatly assisted by regular reading, discussion of texts, and wider discussions about topical issues and the world around them. Creative writing will be linked in to the assessment pieces. After the assessments year 6 will work on creating their own version of a Long Close magazine.

**Mathematics:** SATs revision and examination technique practice. After the assessments, year 6 will work on a project based upon designing and making a mathematical board game for year 2.

**Science:** The pupils will be studying 'Light' and 'Sound' and will continue to develop their investigation techniques. They will also be assessed in all topic areas later in the term, but after SATs week.

**ICT:** The pupils in House/Form groups will 'Create their own country' looking at designing flags/rules/maps for their country as well as utilising internet and software skills which they learnt over the previous terms. Work from each group will be collated into a power point presentation and a prize of 50 House Points will be given to group with the best designed country.

**Geography:** 'Study of the Coast' Looking at key coastal features and processes. We will have the opportunity to study how coastal areas are used and managed. Map work as always will be covered over the term.

**History:** A study of Britain during World War 2.

**Art:** Photography and the human environment.

**DT:** Designing and making clocks.

**Music:** Preparing for the summer production of Oliver! There will be two performances in the School Hall on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. Rehearsals will take place during lesson time, with some extra lunchtime rehearsals. More information to follow regarding costumes and arrangements.

**Spanish:** Where I live; descriptions of theme parks and opinions about the rides.

**Religious Studies:** To what extent has mankind looked after the environment? It will mostly focus on the environmental problems and solutions that mankind face. They will also look at the origin and evolution of the animal rights movement

**Games/PE:** rounders, tennis, cricket, athletics. **Sports Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

As well as the academic studies, Mr Jones, Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Barnes are looking forward to taking Year 6 to 'Little Canada', Isle of Wight for a PGL adventure holiday ( **05/7/17 – 09/6/17**).

At the end of term, there will be an 'End of an Era' assembly for Year 6 families and the rest of the school.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this particularly challenging year for the pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact us on any matter either via the homework diary, or before or after school.

Yours sincerely

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