

April 2018
Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the Year 6 team! We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Easter. This letter is to keep you informed about some of the work the children will be doing during their final term at Hearsall.

Creative Curriculum – Britain at Play

This Term, our topic is 'Britain at Play'. Within this theme, the children will be learning about leisure and entertainment in Britain throughout the last century. This is an 'Arts' based theme and will offer the children plenty of opportunities to get creative. In music, the children will be researching British music through the decades, starting with 'Beatlemania' and progressing through to the 'Brit Pop' years. In art, children will be finding out about key British artists including Andy Warhol and will be using a range of materials to create sculptures of some British icons. In PE, children will be researching British sporting events with a particular focus on Wimbledon. Finally, children will be learning about musical theatre, exploring some of the techniques used to create key theatre shows. As part of this theme, we are hoping to watch a professional theatre production and we hope that this will be a fantastic end to our school year. If you have any particular skills in dance, art, drama or music we would love to hear from you!



Transition

This term we aim to further promote the continuity between Primary and Secondary education; to prepare all pupils for the transition process and to identify and provide support for all pupils. Throughout this term we will be providing the children with numerous experiences that will support their transition into Secondary School.

We will be visited by a number of different outside agencies in delivering a variety of sessions supporting the children through the different aspects of this transition. We will also be arranging visits from our other Secondary feeder schools. On Thursday 14th June, the children will be watching a performance of 'Big School'- a production that deals with feelings and issues surrounding the move into Key Stage 3 and taking part in some drama workshops led by staff from both schools. On Wednesday 4th July, all children attending Secondary School in Coventry will be visiting their new school for the official transition day - details of this will be sent to you directly by your child's new Secondary School. If you have any concerns or worries about transition please do not hesitate to contact us.

English

For the first part of this term, we will be entering our final phase of preparation for the SATs in May. We will be revising many of the grammar and spelling conventions that the children have been learning in Key Stage 2 and continuing to work on and develop key reading comprehension skills. As well as this, the children will be working on a visual literacy film: 'Night at the Museum.' This will provide the children with further opportunities to improve their writing composition skills by learning how they can best 'entertain' the reader by the words, phrases and patterns they can use as an author. The children will then create their very own adventure story, based on their unpicking and analysis of the film.



Following this, children will be exploring and experiencing further reading and writing opportunities; based on the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. Further reading and writing opportunities will be made available to the children here- they will create their very own non-fiction text linked to the many themes and ideas explored in this well-known classic!

Mathematics

Throughout the term, the children will cover work securing their knowledge of the four mathematical operations in a range of context problems. This will involve solving and interpreting a range of two step problems. They will also further extend their fractions decimals and percentages knowledge by using and applying the skills given this year in a range of 'real life' challenges. Arithmetic and number skills will also be reviewed to check that the children are 'secure' and confident in a range of number calculations, before they transit to Secondary School.



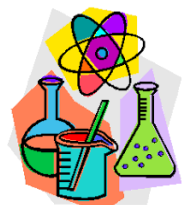
The children will also continue to examine the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and develop vocabulary associated with these. We will also be revisiting 'Measure' and will be ensuring the children can read, write and convert between standard units of measure. They will also be comparing these units with non-standard units and will have the chance to work practically to compare and convert between metric and imperial units.

Science

This term in Year 6 Science, the children will be covering 'Animals including humans' and 'Evolution and Inheritance.

Animals including humans:

Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system. They will focus on how nutrients are transported around the



human body. Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.

Evolution and Inheritance:

Here the children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.

Again, much of this work will be practical and children will be encouraged to make observations, draw conclusions and predict outcomes using scientific knowledge and understanding. Children will continue to develop ways that they record their work by creating and analysing more complex graphs and tables.

Religious Education - RE

In R.E. children will be developing their awareness of different religious and non-religious people. They will also be looking at a range of sacred places, including places which they themselves feel safe and comfortable in. They will then be learning about religion through art in our unit 'Faith and Beauty'. Children will be finding out how artists have expressed their religious beliefs through their work and how art supports different faiths in their worship. They will learn that colour, images and symbolism can be used to express religious feelings and ideas.



Physical Education - PE

This term, activities will include dance, tennis and athletics, and will generally take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To ensure that the children always have their kit for lessons, we suggest that they bring their appropriate kit to school on a Monday and take it home to be washed on a Friday. Can we remind you that children are required to wear a white t-shirt and dark coloured shorts or tracksuit bottoms. They will also need appropriate footwear which must be different from the shoes that they wear for the remainder of the day. Can we please ask that you continue to support this vital area of the curriculum by helping children to bring the correct changes of clothes to school for PE sessions.

Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE

Our Jigsaw themes this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'

Children will be thinking about: Making friends; reconciliation; showing respect and how their bodies change and develop as they grow older.



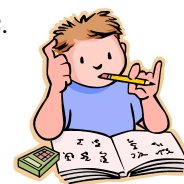
Modern Foreign Languages - MFL

This term in MFL, the children will be continuing to learn about Spain by finding out some names of Spanish cities, and how to pronounce them. Children will be able to give common weather types and ask and answer questions about the weather of the day. To extend their learning they will be planning and presenting their own Spanish weather report. They will be taught weekly sessions by our Spanish teacher Mrs Cocksworth.



Homework - Year 6

Until the SATs, the children in year 6 will continue to receive weekly homework in both Grammar and Maths. When homework is set from these books, the pages that the children will need to complete will be clearly indicated, along with the date that it needs to be completed by. It is also expected that the children continue to read their reading books at home, as this can make a huge difference to their reading attainment. Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and the books must be handed in by the following Wednesday.



The children will also have their Power Projects to complete. This term we have given the children the choice of two projects which they can switch between to make up the 5 points. After SATs, the children will no longer receive weekly homework, which will give them a real opportunity to explore and develop their projects further.

Future important dates for diary

- WB Monday 14th May - SATs week
- Monday 21st May - The Beatles Experience - Liverpool
- Thursday 14th June- 'Big School' Production Morning.
- Thursday 28th June - End of Year Trip (yet to be finalised).
- Wednesday 4th July - Secondary School Transition Day
- Friday 20th and Monday 23rd July- 'Bikeability Training'

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Thomas and Miss McCarthy