



YEAR 6

A busy term lies ahead for our Year 6 children. They will initially focus on preparation for their **National Curriculum Tests (SATs)**. The tests will take place over one week, from the 8th to the 11th of May.



Shortly after this, we will be taking the children to Robinwood where they will get a chance to experience challenges that will not only delight and thrill, but also develop their confidence!



Year 6 pupils will also have an opportunity to get out and about on their bikes with the **Bikeability** team, as they learn how to ride their bikes on the public highway safely.

Literacy

In **Literacy** this term we will be focusing our work around quality texts including *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan and *Way Home* by Libby Hathorn.

Both of these books offer ample opportunities for the children to write in a variety of styles and also allow opportunities for cross curricular links.

In the latter half of the summer term we will be working on a project about Aliens.



This will again incorporate a variety of genres of writing, giving the children an opportunity to refresh their writing skills.

Drama will be high on the agenda this term as we prepare for our Summer show.

In **grammar and punctuation** the children will begin to write more complex sentences and revise the grammatical features of a variety of texts. The texts will include narrative reports and accounts, instructional texts, explanatory texts and persuasive and balanced arguments. They will also study the vocabulary associated with these very different styles of writing.



Please help your child **prepare for the SATs** by helping with his/her spelling. The weekly spelling list is tested every Thursday in class. Fluent readers make good writers! Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home.



Maths

The start of the term will be used to prepare the children for their numeracy tests. The children will work on any necessary areas to improve their level of understanding.

After the SATs the children will be kept busy in **Maths** as they tackle some transition units of work intended to provide a link between the Year 6 and Year 7 curriculum. These units of work are based on algebra and problem solving.

In **Number** the children will work on calculations using all four operations, (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). They will be able to solve number problems using one or more of these operations. These number problems will involve money and 'real life' situations. They will improve their use of calculators, understanding all the various functions.

The children will improve their skills through investigations in **Handling Data**, which will involve conducting surveys around school. They will use computers to produce and interpret data and graphs.

For **Shape and Measure** the children will extend their knowledge of the properties of shapes to work on shape puzzles. They will continue with practical, work which will improve their skills of estimation and measuring.



Science

Our science topics are 'Light', and 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

We will be making full use of our nature area as we investigate the wildlife on our doorstep here at school.

In the latter part of the term emphasis will shift towards the application of science in a series of experiments designed and carried out by the children themselves.



ICT

In **ICT** the children will use Excel to create spread sheets and generate costing for the cookery work which they will carry out in DT lessons.

They will also be using desktop publishing software to produce promotional material for the Summer Show.

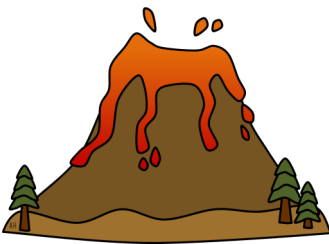
They will continue to build on their coding skills using Purple Mash.



Year 6 will be focusing on the topic Extreme Earth.

This gives pupils an overview of:

- ◆ plate tectonics
- ◆ volcanoes



- ◆ earth quakes
- ◆ extreme weather systems



Year 6 will continue to consolidate their understanding of **French**. Through songs, role play and stories they will learn to talk about school routines, lessons and the school building.

We will continue to recap on other areas including: colours, numbers, introductions, days of the week and food.



In **Music** every child will learn to perform the songs for our Summer show.

Those children who have continued with their brass lessons throughout Year 6 will continue to do so.



Our **P.E. and Games** sessions are on Mondays and Fridays this half term and Tuesdays and Fridays next half term. Our focus will be on developing athletic skills, cricket and summer sports. Our coached sessions will be on Mondays and Fridays. It is essential that all children have their full kit in school throughout the term.



Art and DT

In Art we are working on a textile project through which we will discover dyeing and batik techniques.

We will also be looking at nutrition in our DT lessons. Children will have the opportunity to prepare, cook and sample their own cooking of mainly savoury meals.



Thank you and Good Luck

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children this year. I look forward to sharing your child's last term with them here at Hazlehurst, and wish them every success as they move on to high school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lawton.