



Year 6

Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1

Pegasus: Miss Phillips
Draco: Mrs Mattis
Support: Mrs Walker

Key Information

Reading: Please ensure your child reads for at least 20 minute every day. This reading should be recorded on Boom Reader. School code: 60398



P.E.: Year 6 have P.E. on Wednesday. They should wear appropriate PE kit on these days (House colour or white top with black/navy bottoms and sensible trainers).

Homework: Please complete an activity from the Jigsaw to complete and show to teachers by emailing to yr6@oaklands.cetrust.com

Spellings: Spellings are taught and revised in class each day and are tested on a Friday.

Times Tables: Children are expected to log into TT Rock Stars and practise their times tables every week

As we move into the Summer term, we will be preparing for SATs in a calm, focused and supportive learning environment. We will continue to build confidence, resilience and independence, ensuring we feel ready to approach our assessments with a positive mindset while still enjoying our learning and celebrating our progress.

English:

Summer 1 is an exciting and important time in Year 6 as we build confidence and prepare for SATs, while still keeping a love of reading and writing at the heart of our learning. We will be sharpening our reading skills through engaging texts, focusing on inference, retrieval and vocabulary, and learning how to approach questions with precision and confidence. We begin reading *The Explorer* to apply our understanding of key SATs skills in context. In writing, we will revisit key skills such as varied sentence structures, ambitious vocabulary and accurate punctuation, writing in role as characters, our own survival guide and adventure story.

Maths:

In Maths, we are focusing on building confidence, speed and accuracy as we prepare for SATs, while keeping learning engaging and enjoyable. Pupils will revisit key topics such as fractions, percentages, ratio, algebra and measure, developing fluency alongside strong reasoning skills. They will learn to explain their thinking clearly, spot patterns and tackle tricky problems with resilience. Lessons will include daily arithmetic practice and SATs-style questions, balanced with exciting Maths investigations, team challenges and real-life problem-solving activities—such as budgeting and interpreting data.

Science:

In science, we will begin learning about evolution and inheritance, exploring how living things have changed over time and how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring. We will develop our understanding of adaptation and consider how animals and plants are suited to their environments. A key part of our learning will focus on our local area, linking to the work of Charles Darwin in Downe, and how his observations and research led to these significant scientific discoveries. We will explore how ideas developed over time and how evidence is used to support scientific theories.

In PSHE, we will focus on wellbeing, celebrating our successes and recognising the effort we put into our learning. We will reflect on everything we have achieved throughout the year, identifying our strengths and setting personal goals for the future.

Alongside this, we will explore strategies to support our emotional wellbeing, including how to manage challenges, build resilience and maintain a positive mindset. Through discussion and reflection, we will celebrate both individual and shared successes, recognising that effort and perseverance are just as important as outcomes.

Miss Phillips and Mrs Mattis





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As we move into our final half-term in Year 6, we are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked this year. Summer 2 is an exciting and important time, where we continue to build independence, reflect on our journey and prepare for the transition to secondary school.

English:

In English, we will continue exploring *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, deepening our understanding of the text through rich discussion and comprehension activities. Pupils will apply their reading skills to explore themes, characters and setting in greater depth. Writing opportunities will remain varied and purposeful, allowing children to write in role, develop descriptive pieces and produce extended, high-quality outcomes that showcase their progress.

Maths:

In Maths, we will focus on consolidation, ensuring children are secure in key concepts from across the year. Pupils will take part in investigations and problem-solving activities, applying their knowledge in different contexts and preparing for Key Stage 3.

Science:

In Science, learning will continue to build on evolution, with a focus on fossils and how they provide evidence for changes over time. Children will develop their scientific enquiry skills through discussion and investigation, linking their understanding to the wider world. Across the wider curriculum, pupils will engage in a range of exciting learning opportunities:

Wider Curriculum:

- In History, we will explore unheard histories, considering who should be represented on the £10 banknote and why.
- In Geography, we will carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry, applying the skills we have developed this year.
- In Art and DT, we will explore design through photography and structures, encouraging creativity and problem-solving.
- In Computing, we will take part in a skills showcase project, designing and presenting our own product using TinkerCad.
- In PSHE, our focus will be on Growing and Changing, supporting pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their education. We will continue to place a strong emphasis on wellbeing, encouraging all children to prioritise their mental health and talk openly about any worries or concerns.

We are also looking forward to our Year 6 residential, which will provide a fantastic opportunity for children to build independence, resilience and lasting memories with their peers.

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