

# Year 6 Summer Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you back after the Easter holidays and hope that you had an enjoyable time. Without sounding too dramatic, we are now entering into the year six children's final term at Berrywood! We have a busy but exciting term planned for the children with lots of celebrations and opportunities to make lasting memories. The last term of primary school is an exciting time for any child and we are looking forward to sharing it with the children before they move on to secondary school.

## Weekly routines reminder...

**Monday:** - Homework set

- New spellings set (via google classroom)
- Spelling test
- PE (please note this has changed from last term)

**Wednesday:** – Library (please ensure your child has their library book in school this day).

**Thursday:** – PE

**Friday:** – Homework due in

***On our PE days the children are permitted to come into school in their Berrywood PE kit.***

## Key Dates

13.05.24 SATs week

16.05.24 RSE presentation to parents (virtual and beginning at 18:00)

20.05.24 RSE week

27.05.24 Half term week

24.06.24 INSET day

04.06.24 Year 5/6 sports morning (am)

11.06.24 Year 5/6 reserve date sports morning

22.06.24 Summer Fayre- School Within a Garden

27.06.24 Wildern and Deer Park transition day

01.07.24 Bikeability (further communication to be sent)

11.07.24 Achieve performances at Berry Theatre

12.07.24 Reports go home

16.07.24 Paultons Park trip (returning at 16:00)

17.07.24 Rock Bottom Performance

18.07.24 Rock Bottom Performance

23.07.24 Leavers assembly (am)

23.07.24 End of term and optional early finish (13:15)

## Summer Term Curriculum

### **English:**

- Jemmy Button and Charles Darwin
- Non-chronological reports
- Poetry
- Speech writing
- Scrapbook writing

### **Science:**

- Evolution and variation within living things

### **Art:**

- Observational drawing

### **Computing:**

- Programming

### **Music:**

- Achieve preparation

### **RE:**

- The Five Pillars of Islam

### **Maths:**

- Multistep problem solving
- Arithmetic practice
- Theme Park Maths

### **Project:**

- Achieve
- A reflection of the last 7 years

### **PE:**

- Athletics and sports day preparation
- Alternative sports
- Tennis
- Rounders

### **PDL:**

- Secondary school preparation
- Relationship and Sex education (RSE)

## SATs

As explained during the information meeting, the children's SATs are from 13/05 until 16/05. We have been incredibly proud by the continued maturity and determination with which the children are approaching these. During SATs specific work, the children have shown fantastic collaboration skills in their support and guidance of each other. Before Easter, the children brought home some revision materials which we would encourage them to use 'little and often'. During SATs week itself, we would strongly recommend that time on devices is limited and that the children get an early night to ensure they are prepared for the next day.

### **Achieve**

Throughout the term, our project focus is 'Achieve'. Whilst this culminates in two performances at the Berry Theatre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, there is plenty of work that goes into it beforehand! In the first half term, the children will be reflecting and considering all that has happened in the time they have been at primary school, to themselves, to the school and within the wider world. This will include some fieldwork exploring changes to the local area. We hope that such critical thinking will be present in their end of year performance as well as in their futures beyond Berrywood. After half term, the children will begin to create, practice and rehearse the performance aspects of the show. Further information regarding the specifics of the day will be sent out in due course, but there will be two performances, one during the school afternoon and one after school.

### **Home Reading**

Following on from the surveys Mrs Adams did earlier on in the spring term, we are launching our new Berrywood home reading initiative this summer term. All children that read at least four times a week will be entered into a weekly reading raffle – there is a big surprise coming for our superstar readers. Pupils' home reading will be monitored weekly and celebrated in school using our new home reading cards. Each time a pupil reads at least four times per week, their card will be initialled and displayed in class. Mrs Adams will be coming round to note down all the keen readers. The more you read, not only will you have a greater chance in our reading raffle, but you will also become a skilled and effective reader too!

We are very much looking forward to working with you and the children in their final term at Berrywood.

***The Year 6 Team***