

## Welcome to Year 6 Summer 2018

This term, our main areas of focus will be on preparation for SATS, our trip to Kingswood and our summer production: The Pirates of the Curry Bean!

During our time at Kingswood, we will learn about coastal erosion and sea defences as well as taking part in a variety of fun outdoor activities. We will then be starting rehearsals for our Summer production after half term, during which time we will develop drama skills as part of our English curriculum.

In Maths, we shall continue to cover work in the areas of Number (including fractions), Geometry, Measurement, Statistics and Using & applying skills in problem solving, Ratio and Proportion and Algebra. In addition, we will be making good use of our reasoning skills to develop mastery. All children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Children should be using Times Table Rockstars in order to improve accuracy and speed up recall! Each year group are being challenged by other year groups so make sure your child is contributing to their class score!

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Other maths websites to use:-

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/timestable.html>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/moonmaths.swf>

### **In English we shall be looking at:-**

- The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo and writing an alternative ending
- Persuasive piece of writing
- More story writing

Year 6 will continue to build vocabulary and focus on accurate spelling. We hope to foster a genuine love of reading and encourage children to read a variety of texts, predominately quality fiction, as this is proven to expand vocabulary as well as developing writing skills and creative ideas. Parental support at home with this is invaluable.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

In **Science**, we shall be learning about Animals including humans. The children will be looking at healthy eating, different parts of the heart as well as the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body.

### **PE with Mrs Hutson and Mr Berry**

- **Games** - *Striking and fielding* Rounders and Cricket
- **Athletics**
- **Games** - *Net and wall* Tennis

Please ensure your children continue to have their full PE kit including trainers in school every day.

Children will also be participating in regular Fit for 15 activities.

### **Computing**

We continue to reinforce e-safety.

Using a keyboard efficiently and quickly is important for our children which will increase as they move on to secondary school. Being able to touch type will be invaluable. The BBC child friendly site 'dance mat' is a great place to start – just don't look at those keys!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

We will be continuing to develop coding skills as well as web design skills.

### **In RE**

#### **Art**

The children will be working with Mrs Reaney on a 3D project linked to the theme of the production.

#### **Music with Mrs Bull**

The majority of the music lessons this term will focus on preparation for the summer show. This will provide opportunities for developing vocal skills in particular, including accuracy of pitch, diction, phrasing, expression and breathing. In addition to this, we will be creating a musical composition using the structure of a Treasure Island/Pirate map. All of the musical elements will be included. Music used for discussion and appreciation activities will be 'The Pirate Dance' from the ballet 'Spartacus' and 'The Sabre Dance' from the ballet 'Gayane,' both by Aram Khachaturian.

We hope this final term will be an enjoyable and memorable time for the children and we look forward to celebrating their achievements at the end of the year.