



Summer 1 UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

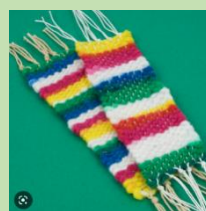
We hope you enjoyed a lovely break over Easter and hope the children are feeling refreshed and ready for what promises to be a busy, but exciting half term ahead. After reflecting on ways in which we can further support the transition of Y5 children into Y6, there will be opportunities this half term and next for Y5 to work with current Y6 teachers in some of the morning subjects.

History: Ancient Maya

Children will be looking at the Ancient Mayans and will draw comparisons with their civilisation and that of other ancient civilisations we have studied (such as Ancient Greeks and Egyptians). Pupils will create timelines to map of key events of Mayan history in relation to key historical events around the world. In addition, we will look at Mayan culture including: food, religion, clothing and daily life.



DT: Textiles - Mayan Weaving



As part of our Enterprise Day at the end of the term, children will be designing and creating Mayan themed bookmarks to sell to the wider community. Pupils will explore a variety of materials and practise the key skills involved in weaving, also learning different knots and tying methods. Children will use their knowledge to design their end product using appropriate materials and methods.

Science:

This half term, children will be learning all about changes in humans as they develop to old age. We will learn about the different stages of human development, including how a foetus develops inside the womb and the gestation periods of different animals. As well as this, children will learn about the changes that occur during puberty and those that take place as people enter old age. Children will have many opportunities to present findings in different ways, including using excel to create graphs to identify patterns in data.



PE: Basketball- applying the knowledge developed over the year, including: SAQ, attacking & defending, send & receive & tactics & strategies. Orienteering-developing competitiveness, communication & collaboration.

PE days:

Doves: Monday and Friday
Kingfishers: Monday & Tuesday
Eagles: Wednesday & Friday

RE: Christianity – What would Jesus do?

This half term, children will be considering 'what makes a good Christian'. They will have ethical debates in class and consider why it is important to make the right choice even when we may feel wronged.

Children will be looking at some of the gospels and be asked to consider what we can learn from them.



PSHE: Health and Well-being!

This half term, children will be learning about healthy sleep patterns, they will also be considering why it is important to stay safe in the sun and we will all be learning a little about emergency and first aid!!



Computing:

Information Technology is the focus of this half term's learning, where children will learn more about how computers work and how they interact with other resources. We will start by looking at search engines, networks (including the internet) and the world wide web.. Pupils will then move from software to hardware, dismantling a computer to learn more about the components.

Music:

This half term, we will be exploring rock music, our learning building on the Bon Jovi classic *Livin' on a Prayer*. Students will learn about the instruments, textures and sounds produced in rock music, as well as the history of rock and how it has changed over time. They will be practising both vocal skills and learning to play the glockenspiel – a tuned percussion instrument. In addition to this, children will also be learning more music theory, around staff notation. The unit will end with a hard rock performance for another class in school!

Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home Learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practise spellings & x tables
- Complete one example from the half termly project list
- Tasks set in homework books

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green; 2/3/4= Yellow; 0/1= Red



Attendance

We are continuing to have a big push on our attendance across school, it is crucial for your children that they are in school every day in order to support them in reaching their full potential. We have seen a real improvement but need to continue with this to reach our whole school target of 96%.

%	Term 1 days lost	To Feb Half term	Term 2 days lost
100%	0	0	0
98%	1.5	2	2.5
97%	2	3	3.5
96%	2.5	4	5
95%	3.5	5	6
94%	4	6	7.5
93%	4.5	7	9
92%	5	7.5	10
91%	5.5	8	11
90%	6	9	12.5

Twitter Pages

Each class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are working. Please follow us to keep updated!

@GatesDoves

@GatesKingfishers

@GatesEagles



Y6 SATS: Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May.

These are fast approaching. Additional homework will be handed out to support revision over the next few weeks. Please support your child as best you can with this. If there are any questions regarding homework or if you feel your child is feeling overly stressed about SATS please get in touch with their class teacher.