



St Edmund's RC Primary School

SUMMER TERM 2022 Year 6 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a restful Easter break and enjoyed some of the lovely weather we have had. This term we welcome Miss Catherine Chan to Year 6. She is in her final term of teacher training and will be teaching the class with me until the end of June. Here are a few notes about the coming term which I hope will be useful.

Curriculum

We have just two weeks to finish preparing for SATs before the test week (9-12th May). The children have been working hard and should be feeling confident that they can do their best. We will be spending the first two weeks of term focusing on any areas we need to go over and giving the children some more timed test practice.

Our topic this term is People and Places. It begins with a look at our local area and some work on mapping. We then move to Europe and learn about the Alps and the countries that border them. In English we will be focusing on characters (people) and settings (places), and our texts will include 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo, 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio, some short films and a wonderful, challenging picture book called 'Fox' by Margaret Wild.

After SATs, our Maths work will be consolidating and applying all our knowledge in some projects involving real-life problem solving. In Science we will finish our unit on adaptation and evolution before moving on to living things and their habitats, and this will inspire our artwork too. In RE our units include Easter, Pentecost, the Sacraments, and other faiths. In PSHE we look at the world of work and have a main focus on relationships and health education. In Computing we will learn about search engines, creating web pages and computer-aided design.

Events this term

When the tests are over, we will be able to relax a little and enjoy a wider range of curriculum experiences. We have two weeks of daily swimming lessons after half term from 6-17th June (more details to follow). Year 6 will be putting on a production during the week of 11th July, which we very much hope to be able to invite you to in person. We also have our annual Book Week from 6-10th June, and a Magic Maths week from 27th June – 1st July. Our IMPs session was postponed last term, but we hope to be able to hold this session in school on 28th June. This is the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools, which aims to educate children to make safe choices and to know what to do in an emergency.

We will be preparing the children for their transition to secondary school in the second half of term, and this is also when transition and induction days will be held. Finally, during the last week of term we will be holding special events for our Year 6 leavers, including Prize Giving and a Leavers' Mass.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set after SATs but may include more project-based learning. It is still important for your child to complete homework as a preparation for secondary school. Please also continue to encourage your child to read regularly and support them to find books which appeal to them. It really does make a difference!

Final reminders

Children are still expected to come to school in full uniform, except for Mondays when they should wear PE kit. Girls need to be in their summer dresses now please. Please remember that all items of clothing must be clearly named – especially jumpers and cardigans which are easily mislaid. As the summer months approach, please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day and has sunscreen on hot days.

As always, if you have queries, I am usually available after school for a quick chat. If you would prefer to arrange a meeting online to discuss anything at length, then please let me know via our class email or contact the school office.

Mrs V Westhead