



Year 6 Newsletter

Summer term – April 2022

Welcome back into our final term of Year 6! It has come around so quickly and we can't believe that we're already into SAT tests, transition days and summer uniforms! There are lots of very exciting things happening in Year 6 this term and I'm sure it will fly by again. The Year 6 children have been complete superstars this year and we are so proud of them all. Their hard work is really paying off now and we can see such amazing progress from all pupils. Thank you for all the support you have offered from home as this has had a great impact too. We will be arranging some Leavers' events later in the term which always prove to be bitter-sweet as we watch the children move onto the next step in their journeys. Mrs Davies, Mr Taylor, Mrs Naylor, Mrs Crimmons and Mrs Spurgeon

Curriculum

Here are the main units we will cover:

- Science – Light; Animals and habitats
- RE – Judaism; Freedom and Justice
- History – The Industrial Revolution
- Geography – South and Central America
- Art – Picasso

Our English units will link to these topics where possible for a broader learning experience.

Routines

PE will continue to be on Mon and Fri – children should come to school in their PE kits and trainers on these days.

- Homework is usually given on a Wed to be completed by the following Monday.
- Spellings are set on Fridays and tested the following Friday.

Contact us - If you have any queries or wish to talk to your child's teacher, we will be available before and after school. Should you require a longer chat, please contact the school office (01642 769942) to arrange a call back or email admin@stfrancispri.dalesmat.org and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

Expectations

In Year 6, one of our objectives is to prepare the children for their new lives at secondary school when they begin Year 7. Part of this means independence in their own learning – something most Year 6 pupils have developed beautifully this year. We would like to encourage good habits at home: as ever, reading at home daily, once a week to a parent; use of apps to practise and reinforce learning; and homework being completed to a high standard and returned on time. These habits will really help your child to build the resilience and independence they will need next year.

Transition

Secondary schools will be contacting you with details of transition days and events this term. We do not have details of any of these events other than dates. Transition days and meetings are really important in helping your child feel secure about their new life at secondary school.

Events

On Fri 13th May, we would like to make our annual trip to Preston Park for a fun day of games, ice creams and picnics! We will send out information about this soon.

We have also booked a visit to Beamish on Fri 17th June which links in with our History topic this term. This is likely to be a slightly longer day than usual. Information will be sent out nearer the time.

SAT tests

SATs week is 9th-12th May.

Mon – GPS papers

Tue – Reading paper

Wed – Arithmetic and Reasoning papers

Thur – Reasoning paper

We would like to invite children into school for some breakfast on the days they have tests. They are welcome to come in from 8:40am when there will be some small breakfast treats available and there will be time to chat to their friends. We have found in the past that this opportunity allows the children to feel relaxed before they begin their tests.

The children have all worked incredibly hard to prepare for the tests and they deserve to do really well. We always aim to allay any worries and fears prior to test week but please contact us if your child is feeling worried.

Websites and apps

- www.spellingshed.co.uk
- www.trockstars.com
- <https://www.prodigygame.com/ma-in-en/>