



## YEAR 6 TOPIC NEWS Summer 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term in Year 6. The teachers and LSAs are looking forward to another busy term and the final one for your child! Our learning questions for the term are: 'Which civilisations have changed the world?', 'Why is electricity important?' and 'Can science prevent extinction or is it the cause?'.

### Topic

Our first topic continues with the study of the Mayan and Benin civilisations. In our electricity topic, the pupils will be comparing electricity from the past and present and they will be researching about how the use of electricity has changed since its invention. In our final topic, Year 6 will learn about classification and investigate the animate and inanimate world around them. Linked to our topics, in English, the children will be writing persuasive texts, recounts, diary entries and adventure and horror narratives.

### Science

Through our topics, we will be developing: investigative skills, enquiry skills, reasoning skills and a greater understanding of the world.

### P.E.

This year, the professional sports company, 'Starsports', will teach P.E, focusing on athletics. Please remember that children should bring in a suitable P.E kit at all times. Earrings should be removed. P.E takes place on a Friday, but if kit is taken home to be washed, it should be returned on Monday, as there have previously been some changes to the timetable.

### Music

In music, Year 6 will have opportunities to listen to a variety of music linked to our topics and compose their own music as a response. We will also be studying the history of music through English.

### PSHE and RE

In PSHE we will be covering Sex Education, Personal Safety and Managing Change - in preparation for their transition to secondary school. In RE we will be learning about what religions say to us when life gets hard.

### Homework

English and Maths homework is given out weekly on a **Friday** and is due in on the following **Tuesday**. Children will be given spelling homework on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday; times tables will be tested three times a week. Spelling and times tables are a huge part of the New Curriculum so please help your child/children practise. One piece of creative homework should be completed each half term.

## Creative Homework

AD900	How does electricity work?
1. Build a Mayan ruin from recyclable materials.	1. Create a piece of artwork reflecting time when there was no electricity.
2. Research and present a handwritten project on either: Benin civilisation or Mayan civilisation.	2. Create a 3D model of a power station or lightbulb.
3. Design a Mayan mask and make it.	3. Design an energy saving toy or household appliance and explain how it works.
4. Research theories of how/why each of these civilisations/empires fell and present your findings.	4. Write a list of all the electrical things you use in one day. Then write a narrative or diary entry for a day in the time when electricity didn't exist.
5. Research the influence that each of the topics have had on modern day society.	5. Draw, paint, collage or make different items that use electricity and their equivalent before electricity, eg. lightbulb and candle.

## School Trips

This term we will be going to the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden to see a production of the ballet Swan Lake by the Royal Ballet. This links in with our school wide programme of activities with Thurrock Trailblazer and the Opera House in Purfleet. The trip is booked for 6<sup>th</sup> June and the matinee begins at 1.30pm. We will confirm details closer to the time.

## SATS Timetable

Key stage 2 SATs Dates for 2018

- Monday 14 May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling; English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions
- Tuesday 15 May - English reading test
- Wednesday 16 May - Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic; Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
- Thursday 17 May - Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

There is an informal meeting about SATs on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018** in Elm from 3.00 - 3.45pm. Please feel free to talk to either Mrs Atkinson or Mrs Bishop about any questions you might have or how you can support your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask us.

Thank you,

Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Bishop