

Ramsey Newsletter – Summer I

I can't believe we are in the summer term already! Of course, that means that we will have SATs in just a few weeks and we will be working hard to make sure the children are prepared for it. Please can I ask that all Year 6 children are in school for the week beginning 11th May and that there are no appointments made in the mornings that week. If your child is ill but they are still able to sit the test, please bring them in – we can always send them home again straight after the tests are finished for that day. Please contact the school office as early as you can to let us know. We will be providing breakfast for all Year 6 children from the Monday to Thursday from 8am so they can have toast, crumpets and fruit every morning!

We will be starting our new history topic this term: Crime and Punishment. We will be looking at how the judicial system developed from Roman times to the present day, including Trial by Ordeal in Medieval Britain and the development of the first public police force by Robert Peel. In science, we will study the properties of materials, looking at different methods of separating materials and the difference between reversible and irreversible materials. In art, we will be looking at the work of Leonardo da Vinci and our PSHE focus will be emotional wellbeing, looking at identifying stress and developing strategies to deal with it.

For RE this term, we will be revisiting key concepts of religion, spirituality and worldviews to address the key question: 'Does religion matter?' Through case studies from people from different beliefs, and drawing on their previous learning and own beliefs, the children will be developing their own worldviews and ideas and learn how to express their ideas respectfully.

Further information about our school curriculum is available on the school website. This includes key policies, each subject's intent, how learning Progresses across year groups, and medium-term plans outlining the rationale of "Why this, why now?" Please visit the curriculum section for full and up-to-date details.

Homework

Most of the homework this term will be to revisit some of the key areas in maths and grammar but the children will be given scripts for the Year 6 Production before the half term break.

Reading

Reading still needs to continue at home with a minimum of 50 pages being read each week. Dojos will be given for every 25 pages read. This is one of the main ways the children can get dojo points towards their final dojo shop in July. It is important that the children read books at their AR level so they can improve their vocabulary and comprehension skills but we also want children to enjoy reading. Children can read books from home but they need to be at, or near their AR level. Please message me if you would like to discuss this further.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** (outdoors). You will need a full PE kit, consisting of white t-shirt, black shorts. Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE lessons so please bring hair ties or similar with you.

Even though this will be a busy term with preparation for SATs, we will do everything we can to make it enjoyable and to reduce any stress. If you feel your child is becoming anxious about the tests, please message me or the team so that we can discuss this with you and put support in place.

Kind regards,

Miss Ratcliff,
Mrs Dunbavand,
Mrs Parnell