



Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to give everyone a warm welcome back after Easter and hope everyone is well rested for the run up for to SATs and the warmer Summer days!

This Half Term, Class 6 are exploring the topic of the 'Building Bridges' all about different types of bridges and the structures that support them. Our learning will include lots of practical, differentiated activities, culminating in an exciting prototype/model bridge building challenge!

English

This term in English, we will be studying the book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. This story has lovely cross-curricular links to PSHE and Citizenship through the themes of friendship, diversity, inclusion, bullying, disability, resilience, kindness and respect. I feel strongly that these are themes important for all children particularly those moving from Year 6 to Year 7. They will explore how the story is written, the different perspectives and how these impact on our impression of the main character and supporting characters. We will explore a range of writing opportunities within this unit, including writing internal monologues, non-fiction and telling the story from a third-person perspective.

Maths

This term the maths curriculum will cover ratio, area, perimeter and volume and geometry including real life problems in several contexts. We encourage children to continue to embed their timetables knowledge using Times Table Rockstars as much as possible because a secure knowledge of these facts assists across the Year 6 maths curriculum.

Reminders

PE will be Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure sure your child has outdoor trainers and warm clothes because we will be outside as much as possible weather permitting. We would really like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children with prizes. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day, once we return, so that adults in school can also hear them read.

SATS Dates – Please ensure your child is in school on the following days for these statutory assessments:

Monday 9 May 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
Thursday 12 May 2022	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Y6 are working very hard in preparation for these important assessments and we are continually assessing the children in the run up to SATs.

If you have any questions at all do not hesitate to email me. My email address is DEdwards@firbeck.org.uk. Alternatively, you can contact me on Class Dojo messaging service.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Edwards

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