

April 2024

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

Curriculum Plans for the Summer Term

Welcome back after Easter. Our whole school project is **Peace and Conflict**. This term, Year 6 will be exploring a range of aspects and significant events based on the theme **20th Century War**. We will discuss what we think war is, how wars start, the events that led to WWI and WWII and we will also be focusing on how WWII impacted the lives of people living in Britain during this period in history. Most of the areas of the curriculum are being taught through these themes, whereas other areas will be taught discretely. Please refer to the topic web for further information.

Year 6 SATs May 2024

A reminder that SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests) will take place from Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May. Results will be issued early July.

If you were unable to attend the SATs meeting for parents, you can access the presentation slides on the school's website:

<https://parkdale-primary.co.uk>

Here you will find lots of useful information, including a timetable for the week. All pupils were given revision guides last term – these continue to be used in class and we encourage pupils to use them for revision purposes at home. With only four weeks to go before SATs, we will continue to run our **Booster Clubs** - these provide a great opportunity for pupils to revise key areas of Maths, Reading and Grammar.

Early Morning Study Sessions Reminder

Our **Early Morning Study Sessions** start at 8:25am. Work will be provided, at your child's level and beyond, to help them start to get ready for Secondary School. We obviously cannot insist your child comes in at this time but, the more they do, the more benefit they will get. Even if your child can make it in early two days, then that is still a bonus.

Homework

We will continue to set weekly maths, grammar, spelling and reading homework. A guide to timings are as follows:

- Daily reading (20 minutes per night) Reading comprehension tasks will also be set each week
- Spellings - (25 minutes per week – set on Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday)



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- Weekly grammar (25 minutes per week)
- Maths homework (set on Friday and checked the following Tuesday)

Reading

We still expect children to read at least 5 times a week but they may not be reading to you on every occasion. We will also encourage children to read a wide range of material in addition to their school reading/library books. Children will now record their reading within their reading record, together with a comment about what they have read. We would ask you to check this reading and sign the reading record to say that you have seen your child read.

Secondary School Transition

After SATs, we will be focusing on secondary school transition activities. We will be providing children with lots of opportunities to learn about the 'day to day' aspects of secondary school (we will be looking at timetables, subjects, expectations and new friendships, etc). This is an exciting time for Year 6 pupils and we aim to make the transition from primary to secondary a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Year 6 Residential 3rd - 5th July

We are really looking forward to visiting Mount Cook Adventure Centre in July. More information will be provided during a meeting for parents – this will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 3:45pm.

We hope you find the above information of some use, enabling you to support your child's learning at home. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email your child's class teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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