

Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Welcome to the Spring Term of Year 6. There are lots of learning opportunities planned for your child this term which we are sure they will enjoy and find interesting. This term is always busy for Year 6 as we get closer to the KS2 SATS in May. Please put the dates in your diary and please do not book any holidays for this period of time!

DATES FOR THE DIARY: SATS Week 2024 - Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to your continued support.

Mrs Atkin and Miss Badcock

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Weekly homework tasks will be set on a Friday and will be due the following Wednesday for English and Maths. Grids will be on the Google Classroom for Year 5/6 and also in the homework books.
- PE will normally be on Wednesday and Thursday although this is subject to timetable changes. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school all week and is able to remove earrings if worn.

<p>English</p> <p>Using the text Stonewall written by Rob Sanders and Jamey Christoph we will write a visitor's guide to the Stonewall Inn which is a National Historic Landmark in New York. Following this we will read the modern fairy tale The Princess Blankets by Carol Ann Duffy using this to create our own reimagined fairy tales. Our reading this term will be focused on skimming and scanning skills and increasing our reading stamina in preparation for our SATS in May.</p> 	<p>PSHE</p> <p>In these lessons and across the curriculum we will be learning how to enable others to communicate effectively, using listening, negotiation, debating and chairing skills. There will be opportunities to understand the potential links between their likes, dislikes and skills and future work.</p> 
<p>Maths</p> <p>This term we will study ratio, decimal numbers to 3 decimal places and learn more about fractions and percentages. We will also begin to learn about algebra. Our final topics will be focused on area and perimeter and statistics. Throughout the term we will be practising arithmetic skills as we prepare for our end of key stage tests in May.</p> 	<p>Religion and World Views</p> <p>Through learning about Buddhism and the Buddhist view of Life and Death we will consider our own ideas about what it means to be alive and what happens when we die. The children will be encouraged to share their own ideas and thoughts in a sensitive and safe manner as they consider their own world views about life and death.</p> 
<p>Science</p> <p>Our science this term will be focused on Evolution and Inheritance as we discover the work of Charles Darwin as well as exploring adaptations in both animals and plants considering how these link to the term 'survival of the fittest'.</p> 	<p>PE</p> <p>In PE we will develop our teamwork and communication skills as we learn more about hockey and netball with the coaches from Active Play. We will take part in a whole school dance project using resources from the Royal Opera House and the ballet Alice in Wonderland.</p>

<p>We will also learn about inherited characteristics and very simple genetics.</p>	<p>PE lessons will normally be on a Wednesday and Thursday.</p> 
<p>Geography In geography we are studying Global Trade. We will learn about trade links within the UK and globally. We will consider how trade can be made fair and how the geography of a country affects its trade.</p> 	<p>Computing Working collaboratively we will design, edit and publish a class magazine on Google Slide and we will consider the safe use of social media and how to write and comment on a blog in a safe and responsible manner.</p> 
<p>Art Our Art topic this term will consider the use of light and colour in art and the impact that this has on the viewer and artist alike. We will also complete a project exploring identity and portraiture using a variety of media to create a unique self portrait.</p> 	<p>Design Technology We will design, construct and test bridges for load bearing and stability as we become engineers in our lessons this term.</p> 
<p>Music Creating and composing will be the main skills we practise in our music lessons as we develop our ability to record musical notes and rhythms as well as working collaboratively. We will listen to contemporary artists and consider the interactions of lyrics and melody.</p> 	<p>French The children will practise their speaking and listening, reading and writing in French in the context of colours and items in a pencil case.</p> 

Useful Links for Parents

BBC Education have produced a whole host of materials for KS2. Follow the KS2 link and then select either Maths or English. Each area usually has an information section for reading, plus an activity and then quiz which is marked online. Some aspects require a subscription.

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

A site with links to old style Key Stage 2 Maths Papers, Maths Tutorials as well as Maths Games. Some of these games are linked to Memory and would therefore help pupils to retain key information.

[Clarity Maths](#)

Click on "For Kids" to access some fun games to practise speed of recall of times tables.

[Mad 4 Maths](#)

This site has loads of Maths games which help to practise a range of skills.

[Fun Games for Kids | Skill Games | Math Playground](#)

Loads of Maths games on a range of Mathematical concepts.

[Fun Kids Online Math Games](#)

Activities to reinforce and practise a range of spelling rules.

[Olympic Stage](#)

A range of activities and games to practise a range of spelling rules and patterns.

<http://www.spellzone.com/games/index.cfm?wordlist=2255>