



## Year 6 Summer 1 Newsletter

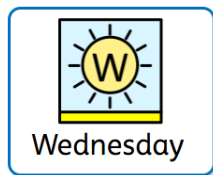
Welcome back to Summer 1!

**Adults working in Year 6 this half term: Ms Muganga, Mrs Dempsey, Ms Jamias and Mr Gbadi**

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**



Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesday**.



### SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026.

**Monday:** Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

**Tuesday:** Reading

**Wednesday:** Maths (Arithmetic 1 & Reasoning 2)

**Thursday:** Maths (Reasoning 3)

The school will provide breakfast from 8:00am for those who would like it.

Please ensure your child arrives on time each day, has a good night's sleep, and eats a healthy breakfast.

We are very proud of how hard the children have been working and know they will do their best.

### Key dates for your diary:

Monday 20th April Family Coach Coffee Morning 9-10am

Wednesday 22nd April Earth Day- march through Hackney Wick Years 1 2 4 5 6

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - Gainsborough closed

### Monday 11th May Year 6 SAT's

Monday 18th May Walk to School Week

Friday 22nd May Wear stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 22nd May Parents in Class

Friday 22nd May Gainsborough's Got Talent! 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 22nd May Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May Under 5 Holiday Camp

Monday 1st June Summer 2 begins

Friday 17th July Last day of Summer 2

Monday 20th July INSET day all staff

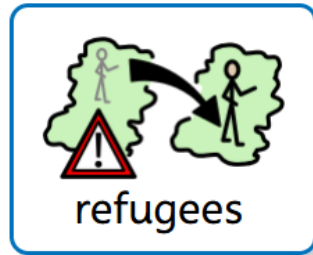
Reading	Writing
<p>This half term, we will continue to prepare children for the SATs by focusing on answering SATs-style questions using <b>Testbase materials</b> and <b>past SATs papers</b>. <b>Retrieval</b> – finding key information in a text.</p> <p>After SAT's, we will be reading <i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>, where children will develop skills in inference, character analysis, and understanding themes such as friendship, responsibility, and imagination. They will also practise summarising and predicting as they read.</p> <p>Through the poetry book '<i>Cloud Busting</i>', children will explore figurative language, poetic structure, and emotional expression. They will learn to identify imagery, tone, and mood, and discuss how poets use language to convey powerful personal and social messages.</p> <p>To support your child at home, encourage them to read daily and discuss what they have read, focusing on answering questions about the text. Continue to encourage your child at home to access Reading Plus using the link below:  <a href="https://educator.readingplus.com/index.html#/n/c/2620743/usage/assignments">https://educator.readingplus.com/index.html#/n/c/2620743/usage/assignments</a></p>	<p>In writing lessons we will focus on explanation and information texts and writing a non-chronological report about animal adaptations. During these units, the children will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise ideas into clear sections using headings and subheadings</li> <li>• Use formal, factual language to inform the reader</li> <li>• Include technical vocabulary related to the topic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write in the present tense</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Use sentence starters and conjunctions to explain cause and effect (e.g. <i>as a result, therefore, this allows</i>)</li> <li>• Include labelled diagrams or fact boxes to support the information</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="991 965 1283 1205" data-label="Image"> <p>animal adaptations</p> </div>
Maths	Science
<p>In maths lessons, children will learn about position and movement, graphs, averages and negative numbers.</p> <p>They will develop key skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interpreting and using coordinates</li> <li>- Understanding direction and translation</li> <li>- Analysing and presenting data visually</li> <li>- Calculating measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode)</li> <li>- Working with values below zero in real-life contexts like temperature and money</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="292 1977 539 2175" data-label="Image"> <p>graphs and average</p> </div>	<p>In this topic, children will learn how their everyday choices can affect their bodies and overall health. They will explore the importance of a balanced diet, understanding how different foods provide the nutrients needed for energy, growth and repair. Pupils will also learn about drugs, including medicines and substances such as caffeine and alcohol and how these can have both helpful and harmful effects on the body. In addition, the topic looks at lifestyle choices such as exercise, sleep and healthy habits, helping children understand how to make informed decisions to support their physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p><a href="#">The effects of diet, exercise and drugs – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize</a></p> <div data-bbox="1027 2047 1243 2215" data-label="Image"> <p>Diet, drugs and lifestyles</p> </div>

## Campaign

In this topic, children will learn about refugees and why people are sometimes forced to leave their homes.

They will explore the reasons people become refugees, such as war, natural disasters and unsafe living conditions. Pupils will develop an understanding of the challenges refugees face when moving to a new country, including finding safety, learning a new language and adapting to a different way of life. The topic also encourages empathy and respect, helping children to appreciate the importance of kindness, inclusion and supporting others in their community.

This topic will link to our future geography topic on 'Migration', which we will begin in summer 1 and continue in summer 2.



<b>ICT</b>	<b>Create digital media</b> In ICT, children will learn how to create digital media by developing skills in design, layout, and editing, while also understanding how to communicate ideas effectively using technology.
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Relationships</b> In PSHE, children will learn about relationships and will explore how to build healthy, respectful friendships, understand different types of relationships and develop empathy, communication and conflict resolution skills.
<b>RE</b>	In RE, children will learn about the importance of Hajj and Eid and will explore the significance of pilgrimage in Islam, the values of community and sacrifice and how these festivals help Muslims strengthen their faith and sense of belonging.
<b>PE</b>	<b>Basketball</b> In PE, children will learn about basketball and will develop their teamwork, coordination, spatial awareness and ball-handling skills, while also learning the importance of communication and strategy in a fast-paced game.
<b>Music</b>	Children will explore 1970s ballad and pop music, developing their understanding of melody, harmony, and song structure, while also learning to express emotion through vocal performance and ensemble work.
<b>Art</b>	In art, children will learn about photography and they will explore composition, lighting, perspective, and how to use images to tell a story or convey emotion.
<b>DT and Cooking</b>	<b>Cooking</b> Year 6 will be learning to cook pastry! They will learn how to make tarts using precision measuring.

**Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.**

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