



The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our half termly newsletter which will give you a flavour of what your child will be learning and experiencing in year 6 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.

We hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays and had some quality time as a family. How lucky were we to have some glorious sunshine!

With three weeks to go until the children's SATs tests, it is hardly surprising that we will be undertaking some final revision to ensure that everyone is feeling confident and well prepared. The whole year 6 team of teachers and LSAs will be working very hard in this final few weeks to plug any individual gaps and build the children's self-esteem. Additionally, we have planned some mental health workshops to do in our PDL lessons to offer tips to deal with any exam nerves.

SATs week is the week beginning Monday 11th May and we will be offering the children SATs breakfast at 8.30 am each day (for many, this is the highlight of SATs week). The SATs breakfast is not to replace their normal breakfast but is offered as a 'top-up' snack. We have a variety of things throughout the week such as yoghurts, brioche, toast and fruit. On Friday 15th May, we will be taking the children on a retreat day at Southampton Common- this will be a time to reflect, play games, unwind and to relax with their friends. Please send the children to school in weather-appropriate clothes and with a packed lunch. Don't worry, I will remind you of this nearer the time.

Our **RE** curriculum this half term focuses on teaching children about the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection, particularly highlighting the story of Doubting Thomas. Through engaging activities, including acting and discussions, the children will understand the significance of the different appearances in strengthening the faith of Jesus' followers. We encourage parents to reinforce these lessons at home by discussing the importance of faith, belief and the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ.

As soon as the SATs tests are over, we will resume some of the subjects which have been temporarily paused over the past few weeks such as history, geography and DT. In **history**, the children will be learning about the Ancient Maya civilisation. We will launch the topic with an artistic project where the children will make Mayan headbands with feathers, jewels and animal print. We will then learn about the sophisticated number and letter systems used by the Maya, research some of the more gruesome aspects of their culture (such as human sacrifice) and analyse sources of evidence to discover why the Mayan empire ended so suddenly.

In **geography**, we will be learning about biomes and climate change. We will undertake an investigative study on the impact of climate change on different biomes across the world. We will also be looking at the impact of renewable and non-renewable energy sources and ways to combat the climate change crisis.

Our final **science** topic of the year focuses on evolution. During this unit, we will be analysing how we know that living things have changed over time. We will also look at Charles Darwin's findings and consider how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment.



Friday 17th April- Easter Mass
Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday
Friday 15th May- Ascension Mass
Monday 11th- Thursday 14th May- SATs
Friday 15th May- Retreat Day at the Common
Friday 22nd May- non-uniform day (PA tombola)

Remember, we are here to help- if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!
From Miss Calver and the year 6 team