

Year Six Summer Term 2019
Curriculum Newsletter 2



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed the Spring Bank Holiday.

We are really looking forward to embarking on a hectic half term ahead! There is so much to pack in; it will be a busy and memorable few weeks for all of us!

Science

We are looking at 'Evolution and Inheritance' during this half term and here are some of the questions we hope to ask and answer:

- What does evolution mean?
- Who was Charles Darwin and why was he such a brilliant yet troubled man?
- Do dinosaurs still exist?
- What does inheritance mean?
- Why do we share resemblances with our family members?
- What does adaptation mean and why is essential for survival of species?

During our second week back, we will also look at how we humans change to become adults when we welcome in the school nurse to talk about puberty and adolescent changes.

Year 6 Enterprise:

We are already beginning to discuss what 'being enterprising' means and laying the foundations down for this year's Enterprise Challenge. During the coming weeks the teams will work hard, learning:

- the importance of creativity in business
- the importance of teamwork and communication
- to be able to describe the different roles required within a business
- to choose roles within their team that suits their skill and ability

- the economics of business
- to come up with an original and enterprising business idea
- to carry out market research on the product and create a prototype
- to write and pitch a business plan to a daunting 'Dragons Den' panel, to see if they are worthy of the £25 starter budget for production of their idea!
- make, market and sell their final products at the School Summer Fair on July 7th! (I told you they were going to be busy!)

They have quite a hard act to follow as last year's Y6 made a whopping £850 profit between them – which is being used to finance the Y6 production (hiring the play, Mrs Debney, costumes, props etc); we will be hoping they can match this sum to leave to next Year's Y6!

Topic: Water

After a successful year of joint learning with Year 5, we may have time to squeeze one last bit of topic work in – after the play and the Enterprise. This would be all about Water and we will ask:

- What is the water cycle and how can we consider water conservation?
- How can we measure our own personal water consumption? - A look at data collection and recording
- What is the daily water usage in school and do we have any ideas for water conservation at school?
- We would then plan a field trip to locate the source of Backstone beck - using OS maps to plan a route
- We could also consider using aerial photos and technology to track the journey of Backstone beck to the Wharfe, Ouse and beyond to the sea

In **English** the children will work hard until the SATS submission date: 27th June. They will be working to achieve the best score they possibly can on their year's portfolio of work. We will look at some more creative narrative writing using 'The Birthday Boy' a short animated film set during the Korean War, we will also finish our newspaper articles on the mysterious death of King Tutankhamun and squeeze in an information text piece related to their enterprise. The children will then have a very varied portfolio which should showcase their skills in all genres of English writing.

Year 6 Production

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Debney again this year and she is already working hard to begin to piece together the music and movement for our Y6 Production. In the coming weeks I will block the action for the play and we will start to create scenery, costumes and gather props. We will be asking for help to acquire certain items (on loan only) for props and costumes.

Ben Jovi

French (Madame Vert reports): 'For the final half term of the year - and of primary school - I will be teaching Year 6 some beginners' Spanish. Not all of the class will learn French in Year 7, so some basic Spanish should give the children some added self – confidence alongside the French that they've learned over the years. I have had the privilege of teaching this class for 4 years, and I wish them Bonne Chance!, ¡Suerte!, Viel Glück! And Gambatte! for the fun and challenges ahead.'

Transition to Senior School

There are some transition activities planned for IGS students (those not going have your own transition timetable which we will help and support you with where necessary and these children will spend time with Reception class whilst the rest of the class are at IGS). Here are the transition dates:

IGS 'One Amazing Day': Monday 17th June (all day at IGS parents to drop children at IGS at 9.10am they will come back to school with us at the end of the day.)

IGS Welcome Day: Thursday 11th July 8.20am- 3pm. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children on this day. IGS are providing a school bus on this day- children who will catch the bus from September are able to use this service on the day and need to get permission slips returned to IGS by 5th June (within last letter from IGS)

Transition Sports Day: Friday 12th July (9.40- 2pm at IGS playing fields) Again parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children on this day.

PE will be on Monday mornings: cricket with James (BR Cricket Club Coach), who will continue to develop their cricket skills. We have used the money raised by this year's Y6 bun sale to finance his expertise and the children have been thoroughly enjoying his sessions. Also, for the coming few weeks Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings will be dedicated to dance (part of PE curriculum) and rehearsal in preparation for the Y6 production with Mrs Debney and myself.

HOME LEARNING:

I will set homework each week and it will reflect the learning completed during that school week.

- **During June:** I will set a couple of English writing homework's to help towards the portfolio submission for their writing SATS. I will give a week to complete this
- **Friday:** Spelling homework, 10 spellings to learn for a test the following Friday
- **Friday:** Maths Homework due in Monday.

Dates for Your Diary

IGS One Amazing Day: Monday 17th June

IGS Welcome Day: Thursday 11th July

IGS Transition Sports Day: Friday 12th July

Trip to Ilkley Tennis Club to see Tournament: Friday 21st June (pm only)

Nell Bank Buddy Trip: Thursday 4th July

Summer Fair: (Enterprise Stalls): Sunday 7th July

Year 6 Production: Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July (evenings)

Finally, if you have any artefacts or expertise in our area of learning this half term, please let me know or bring it in to share with the class. Likewise, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Cumberland & Mrs Spoerry