



Year 6 Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share our plans for the Summer Term with you.

During this term, we will be exploring Immigration and Migration in History which ties in with the Geography unit on Trade and Economics. This historical and geographical context will prove useful when delving into “The Arrival” by Shaun Tan, which is one of the books we’ll be delving into in our English lessons. The latter part of the term will be devoted to the study of “Comedy of Errors”, by William Shakespeare, which will form part of our whole school Shakespeare Week.

In RE, we will consider the similarities and differences between different world religions, in addition to thinking about what people believe about life after death. During our art lessons, an exploration of texture will take in clay, sand, plaster and stone amongst other materials. Our ambition is to produce a large scale piece of work created by the whole class giving everyone the opportunity to collaborate. Our focus this term in DT will be designing items that can be used for survival. It involves planning, researching, testing and evaluating. Our Science unit of study will be Living Things and their Habitats followed by Electricity. Whilst in Maths we will look at Ratio and Statistics, and will then consolidate or recap a range of other topics including Fractions and Geometry.

In addition to this, we will be guiding all the children in Year 6 through a very comprehensive secondary school transition programme. Each week, we’ll cover a wide range of topics including bullying, study skills, transportation and forming friendships. It will be an opportunity for the children to learn, ask questions and prepare for the next stage of their academic journey.

Supporting your child’s learning

Provide opportunities for practical mathematics: making, cooking, designing. Allow them to handle money including checking change. Practise times tables and number facts, discuss patterns or tricks.

We will continue to promote a love of reading and still expect children to be reading at home for 20 minutes per night, this should be recorded in their reading records (they can record, or you can).

Physical Development & Outside Learning

It is vital that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a draw-string bag) with them each week—we suggest that they bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday as often PE lessons may be moved to accommodate other activities.

PE will be tennis and circuit training this term.

The summer term will also include:

Year 6 Production - Honk!

As per the letter sent out last term, the Year 6 production of Honk! will take place at Theatre Peckham on the **7th, 8th and 9th July**. There will be two evening performances, so do make a note of the dates as we would like to invite you along to support the children. The **evening** performances will take place on:

- **Thursday 8th July**
- **Friday 9th July**

Honk! Will be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of Year 6, whilst giving the children an opportunity to perform in a working theatre.

Year 6 Residential Trip - Cobnor Activity Centre, Chichester

Following on from the details shared last term, we are currently looking forward to taking Year 6 on their residential trip to Cobnor Activity Centre from **Monday 12th July to Friday 16th July**. The kit list was distributed at the end of the last term, but do get in touch if you need a replacement list. Once the full itinerary of activities has been confirmed, an updated kit list will be sent out. If you need support purchasing any of the kit, please do get in touch as Friends of Belham have purchased various items of kit that are available for loan.

Closer to the time of departure, an online Q & A will be held giving you the opportunity to ask questions and have your queries answered. Mr Turnham will be leading the trip, so do feel free to drop him a note about any aspect of the residential. Prior to departure, rooms will be assigned to all children. The children will have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts to this process. Understandably, there may be some anxieties around

roommates and you may want to discuss these anxieties at home. However, we ask that you keep discussions about roommates for the residential trip to a minimum please, so the children do not spend 3 months worrying, unnecessarily.

Reminders

Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits and water bottles, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

Please make sure that you are linked to the class Dojo account and that you are checking it regularly for updates.

Check Schools Buddy for details of trips and events.

We have a very exciting term ahead. The whole team feels privileged that we're able to guide and support your child through their final term at The Belham.

With kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

James Hartley (Calico Class teacher)

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