



Dear Parents,

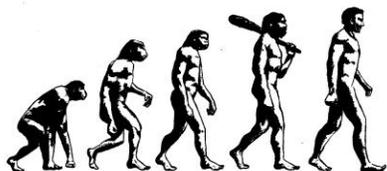
Hoping you and your families have had a great Easter break and that the children are ready and enthusiastic to embrace their final terms here at Lympne. Once again, here is my topic letter to detail the learning for your children this term. In year 6 this term, we have the topic of Ancient Greece to study, making links with our Art/Design and technology and Geography planning too.

Topic work (History and Geography) will include a focus on the following areas: Historical research into Ancient Greece, making comparisons between Ancient and Modern Greece; looking at both Physical and Human elements of Geography such as the population, land use, climate, etc. Children will look at Greece from a tourism perspective and devise leaflets to advertise the country. Alongside Greece in Geography, children will also further develop their mapping skills and use grid references as well as the longitude/latitude when looking at the Greek islands.

In Science this term, our topics will be firstly, 'Evolution and Inheritance' - They will have opportunities to discuss fossils as evidence of life millions of years ago & study the life of Mary Anning. They will compare offspring with parents & see how plants/animals are adapted to habitats and look at Darwin's contributions to our understanding of evolution. They will look at the advantages and disadvantages of evolution.

Alongside this topic, they will then move onto the theme - 'Animals including Humans'; Children will explore the structure of the heart and lungs. The double circulation through

the lungs and the rest of the body is explained and children learn more about blood! They will also be investigating - How does exercise affect pulse rate? Why exercise is good for us and what can harm the heart and lungs?



Our Art work will link to our topic of Ancient Greece we will be looking at and studying images of Greek statues, homes and designs; using a variety of mixed media such as clay, papier-mâché, carving, plaster of Paris etc. Children will explore making frescoes, pots, shields, models etc. We will also be creating wedding cards to send to Prince Harry and Meghan Markel for their impending nuptials!



Computing will see the children revise the importance of internet safety and also practice their word processing and presentation skills ready for homework set at Secondary school. The use of the I-pads in class for revision proves a good tool in developing pupil knowledge and extending independent skills to ensure we are 'secondary ready'.

Literacy and Numeracy will begin by taking the focus of revision to ensure pupils are fully prepared for SATs (Week beginning May 14th). Reading comprehension will be practiced and answers analysed to ensure opportunities to score maximum marks are taken.

Advice for reading comprehension would be

- ✚ Read the questions/instructions quickly and carefully
- ✚ Read the text and annotate it as you need (read around unknown words to gather meaning/understanding)
- ✚ Make sure you know exactly what the questions are asking (look for available points to gather depth required in your answer)
- ✚ Work through each question steadily. Only omit questions if you are stuck and spending too long trying to answer them.

Writing revision will focus on different text types and the structure these forms can take. We will be focusing also on GPS (*Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling*) skills and ensuring these are carried across with confidence in writing tasks. Towards the end of the summer term, the focus will be on speaking, listening and drama skills as we prepare for our Year 6 play - 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' scripts to be handed out after SATs!

Other events coming up in this term for Year 6 include:

- ✚ Friday 20th April - Home Learning starts
- ✚ Wednesday 25th April - Parent's meeting for further SATs information 4.00pm
- ✚ Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday and PTFA Inflatable's Day 11.00-2.00pm
- ✚ Week beginning Monday 14th May - SATs Week
- ✚ Tuesday 22nd May - Sports Day pm followed by tray share from 3:15 - 4:30pm

- ✚ Wednesday 23rd May - School groups photo day
- ✚ Friday 25th May - End of Term 5
- ✚ Mon 28th May - Half Term
- ✚ Monday 4th June - Term 6 starts
- ✚ Tuesday 5th June - Our trip to France - early start!
- ✚ Saturday 30th June - PTFA Summer Day
- ✚ Thursday 5th July - Secondary Induction Day (You should receive information directly from schools about this)
- ✚ Friday 6th July - Secondary Induction Day 2 (for some Secondary schools)
- ✚ Wednesday 11th July - Year 6 production 6:00pm
- ✚ Friday 13th July - Achievement sheets home
- ✚ Monday 16th July - Walkabout 3.15-4.30pm
- ✚ Friday 20th July - Leaver's BBQ
- ✚ Tuesday 24th July - Leaver's Service 10am and End of Term and primary school!
Boys' Puberty Talks - date to follow

What a busy term! Details for the above events will be sent out nearer their dates.

Elm welcomes Grace Sheffield (student teacher) into the class until 8th June. Miss Sheffield will be teaching some of the foundation lessons in Elm Class throughout the next couple of months and supporting with groups in the build up to SATs. Support from you would once again be most welcome in the form of continued encouragement with home learning, reading and any additional activities that are sent home. I hope you have found this useful. **(Spelling list for Terms 5 and 6 below - with dates for testing)**

Kind Regards

Anna Ladd

<i>To be tested:</i> 27.4.17	<i>To be tested:</i> 4.5.17	<i>To be tested:</i> 18.5.17	<i>To be tested:</i> 25.5.17
acquaintance	assistance	guidance	appearance
acceptance	appliance	allowance	clearance
balance	deviate	inheritance	forbearance
circumstance	dominate	deviance	instance
courtenace	hesitate	dominance	bicycle
distance	tolerate	hesitance	intermission
perseverance	significance	tolerance	international
admittance	elegance	endurance	annoyance
radius	abundance	insurance	contrary
diameter	performance	resistance	audible

<i>To be tested:</i> 8.6.17	<i>To be tested:</i> 15.6.17	<i>To be tested:</i> 22.6.17	<i>To be tested:</i> 29.6.17
adherence	preference	adolescence	dissent
coherence	transference	indulgence	descent
inference	confidence	innocence	precede
reference	evidence	intelligence	proceed
interference	incidence	licence	wary
conference	residence	negligence	weary
dependence	audience	patience	counterfeit
circumference	excellence	sentence	demagogue
sequence	silence	consequence	incredulous
violence	convenience	existence	encyclopedia