

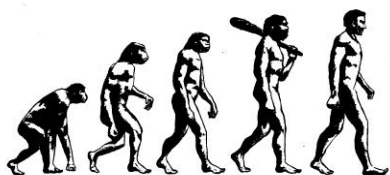
Dear Parents,



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 our topic letter to go alongside that of your child's. 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 become familiar with compasses and grid references both in 4 and 6 figure format as well as the longitude/latitude when looking at the Greek islands.

In Science this term, our topics will be firstly, '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 is exercise good for us and what can harm the heart and lungs?



Alongside this topic, children will also be studying '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, Wallace & Mendel's contributions to our understanding of evolution. They will look at the advantages and disadvantages of evolution.

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.



Computing will see the children revise the importance of internet safety, create short videos using photo story, practice their word processing skills with touch typing and more. 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 8th). 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 - 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstar' - scripts to be handed out after SATs!

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

- ✚ Friday 28th April - Home Learning starts
- ✚ Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Sunday 7th May - Round the Houses
- ✚ Week beginning Monday 8th May - SATs Week
- ✚ Friday 19th May - PTFA Disco



- ✚ Tuesday 23rd May - Sports Day pm followed by tray share from 3:15 - 4:30pm
- ✚ Wednesday 24th May - School groups photo day
- ✚ Friday 26th May - End of Term 5
- ✚ Monday 5th June - Term 6 starts
- ✚ Tuesday 6th June - French school come to visit
- ✚ Tuesday 20th June - Trip to Boulogne
- ✚ Saturday 24th June - PTFA Summer Day
- ✚ Wednesday 5th July - District Sports - 3 Hills Sports Ground
- ✚ Thursday 6th July - Brockhill induction day 1
- ✚ Friday 7th July - Brockhill induction day 2
- ✚ Friday 7th July - Achievement sheets home
- ✚ Thursday 13th July - Year 6 Play 6:00pm
- ✚ Monday 10th July - Marsh Academy induction day 1
- ✚ Monday 10th July - Walkabout 3.15-4.30pm
- ✚ Tuesday 11th July - Marsh Academy induction day 2
- ✚ Friday 14th July - Attendance Awards Assembly 2.00pm
- ✚ Friday 14th July - Leaver's BBQ
- ✚ Friday 21st July - Leaver's Service 10am

**NB. FSG and Harvey Induction Day(s) to follow - Parents will receive information from the schools in the post;*

Boys' Puberty Talks - date to follow

Elm welcomes Abigail Morgan (student teacher) into the class until 9th June. Miss Morgan will be teaching some of the lessons in Elm Class throughout the next couple of months.

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

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

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