



Year 6 Parents' Letter April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer and final term for many of you at Curzon! We hope you have had a fabulous and productive Easter break and that the children are well rested for a busy term ahead.

Once again, the children have worked admirably in the Spring term – and I'm sure it will all pay off this term. As always, the Summer term is a time of very hard work and a lot of fun, with the upcoming SATs (week beginning 13th May), then production, Year 6 talks and Year 6 leaver's service, Sports day, and trips like Hillingdon to name but a few. We will also be participating in the Community Cards scheme – which has seen great success at Curzon in the past, so I'm looking forward to another win and possible day at Lego Land in July.

We will also have a range of secondary school transition visits in which the school will begin to host a series of meetings with secondary school staff to discuss your child's abilities and any needs they have in their learning. There will also be transition days. We will focus a lot on the transition in the second half term and ensure your children are prepared and ready for the move.

Literacy

As we move into the final term, we will be continuing to write regularly in class, aiming to further develop a variety of descriptive story writing skills across a range of genres, while also investigating some non-fiction topics too. Initially, spelling, punctuation and grammar will be our main focus to prepare for SATs. The children will continue to learn their curriculum words for spelling. Please help your child understand that the words given are commonly misspelt words; and learning them just for the test does not necessarily mean that their knowledge sticks. It is good practice to revise them regularly.

Maths

We will be continuing to revise and review all aspects of the curriculum to ensure pupils have grasped the key concepts and can also apply their learning to solve maths problems in a wider context.

The areas of maths covered this term include: revising all number, calculations and fractions, decimals and percentages, geometry, algebra and all other work covered in the Autumn and Spring term.

As always, children will be practising their times tables. These really do help them in many aspects of number and we would appreciate your continued support with practising them at home. In addition, helpful revision focuses are the formal written methods; long division, long multiplication (both also with decimals), addition and subtraction.

Homework Expectations per Week as Per School Approved Policy	
Literacy	40 mins
Maths	40 mins
Spellings	40 mins
Times Tables to 12, Multiples, Factors, Inverses (division facts)	As much as possible! The faster and easier they can recall these facts the better.
Reading	Minimum 3 times a week; parent/carer to sign homework diary/reading list
Science	30 mins fortnightly

If you ordered CGP books, the children should continue to use these to aid revision in the run up to our SATs in May.

Homework Timetable and Weekly Tests		
<p>Reading Eggs and Mathletics will all be fixed to your child's level and are excellent revision sites for them to go on regularly.</p> <p>I also recommend IXL grammar and maths – they have fabulous practice questions - <u>PLEASE ENCOURAGE THIS</u> – children can complete 20 free questions a day and it is very helpful</p>		
Monday	Spellings	Test following Monday
Thursday	Science	Every other week
Tuesday	Maths and Literacy	Completed work returned the following Monday
Thursday	Times tables	Regular tests
Friday	Diaries	Reading checked

Afternoon Topics

Science	Main focus of revision – Forces and materials, Animals and Humans
Computing	E-safety, coding
History	Early Islamic Civilization
P.E.	Track and field
Music	Production Songs, Garage band, drums
Art	Early Islamic artefacts, then production work
PHSCE	First: Healthy living Second: Relationship education
R.E.	What would Jesus Do? Gospel Islam

Your child's responsibilities:

The Year 6 children have been working hard at remembering their homework and homework diaries every week – however there are still inconsistencies so please continue to ensure that you are signing your child's diary each week for checking on Friday as this will prepare children for secondary school.

We now have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays and it is your child's responsibility to ensure they have their kit at all times.

General:

We will be continuing to focus on resilience, self-esteem, coping with stress and meditation this term, ensuring children are prepared for secondary school.

If you have any questions, queries or any concerns Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons are the best time to catch me – otherwise give the office a call or email and I will get back to you as soon as I can!

I look forward to another amazing term!

Miss Ladley - Year 6 Class Teacher