



## Year 6

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School  
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Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful Easter break - it hardly seems possible that we are entering the final term of the school year, and your child's final term at Withycombe! During this important final term, our main focus is in keeping all of the children happy, motivated and feeling able to contribute to a really productive Year 6 learning environment. We certainly have a busy and exciting term ahead - please have a look at the attached curriculum map for further information about the exciting learning we will do this term; be sure to check out our 'Important Dates' too.

### Our Topics

Our fantastic topics this term focus on the ever-changing world around us. We will begin by looking at mountains and progress to looking at the most challenging conditions to live in throughout the world. We delve into climate change and global warming and explore many different environments that our world offers us: from the Polar Regions to the desert; from Mount Everest to the Great Barrier Reef. Alongside this, we will consider the effects that human behaviours can have, and are having, on the planet. The attached curriculum web shows some of the areas of learning that your child will undertake.

### SATs Week

This year, 'SATs Week' takes place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May (please see timetable below) - during the lead up to this, it is important that we encourage all children to stay calm and positive about school.

Please help by:

- Encouraging your child to take plenty of healthy exercise.
- Ensuring that your child has a good night's sleep (perhaps with limits to 'screen time'!) especially during SATs week and the weekend before.
- Making sure that children don't compare themselves to their friends / family - each child is their own person, with their own strengths and goals.
- Making sure they eat a good, healthy breakfast to kick-start their brains each morning.

We will be running 'SATs Breakfasts' each day during the week (Monday-Thursday). Children can come into the school hall at 8.10am to relax with their classmates (and teachers!) and enjoy a nourishing breakfast - it really is a lovely way to start the day. Consent will need to be given via ParentPay before your child can attend. To help us with the cost of provisions, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of approximately £2.00 for the week (tbc); this will appear with the consent on ParentPay and is payable by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.



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### SATs Timetable (Mornings only)

| Date                           | Paper   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Paper 1: Grammar and Punctuation</li> <li>English Paper 2: Spelling</li> </ul> |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Reading Paper</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper</li> <li>Maths Paper 2: Reasoning Paper</li> </ul>     |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths Paper 3: Reasoning Paper</li> </ul>  |

### Transition to Secondary Schools

As we progress through this term, the focus will begin to shift to consider the children's transition to their respective secondary schools. Understandably, this brings a gamut of emotions for all of us: anxiety, joy, fear and excitement, to name but a few. We will be in regular contact with all of the secondary schools that the pupils will be attending in September and hope to be able to provide transition opportunities for our pupils throughout this term, where restrictions allow. If you have any questions, concerns or queries regarding transition, please do not hesitate to get in touch – we will do our best to help where we can, or will be able to put you in touch with the right people at your child's secondary school.

### Routines and Expectations

We continue to expect hard work, focus and determination from our pupils. The children continuously show us in their behaviour how they have embraced our school's 'GRACE' values – we look forward to seeing this positivity continue throughout their final term in Year 6.

Please could you help us by ensuring that your child comes to school with an appropriate school uniform, including black shoes. P.E kit (inc. trainers) should be worn on our designated P.E. days, **Monday** and **Friday**, with trainers (or spare shoes) being brought in daily in the event that we can get on the field at playtime or lunchtime. Being organised enough to have the correct kit and uniform is of course an important step in the children's transition to secondary school! Please note that a Leavers' Hoodie is not part of our usual school uniform, but may be worn as/with a 'coat'.

### Home Learning

Home Learning for this term will continue to be set on Seesaw. Home Learning is set on a Friday and is usually due in by the following Thursday, unless it is a longer, project-based activity. Children should continue to practise their spellings which are set on Spelling Shed for at least ten minutes each day.



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As well as this, we would also like to continue to encourage our pupils to read every day. It has been great to see so many children in Year 6 getting hooked on their reading this year. It is extremely beneficial if children are given regular opportunities to read for pleasure and also to read with an adult, focusing on skills such as 'retrieval' (find the answer to questions by skimming and scanning in a passage) and 'inference' (find an answer to less literal questions, based on evidence and reasoning).

### Additional Experiences

We are very excited to have booked Exmouth Pavilion for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June for our production of 'A Hint of Snow White'. Rehearsals are already underway and we look forward to sharing this with you. Further details about tickets, costumes and the day itself will follow after half term. As well as this, we are looking forward to an author visit, sessions with HeadsUp about transition, a sea safety workshop with SideShore and our Year 6 Summer Activities Week (more details to follow). During this week, we anticipate that we will be having some challenge days, as well as an art day in school and at least two days at the beach, making the most of the amazing place that we live in!

### Important Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Author Visit (in partnership with the Budleigh Literary Association)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET Day (Staff training day, no children in school)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Sessions with HeadsUp

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – SideShore Sea Safety Workshops (further details to follow)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Production at Exmouth Pavilion (more details to follow closer to the time)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – ECC Transition Days

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Activities Week (further details to follow closer to the time)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Enterprise Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leavers' Party (arranged by Year 6 Parents/Carers)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (11am) – Leavers' Service at St. John the Evangelist Church, Withycombe Village Road.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. We hope that your child has a really happy and successful final term with us at Withycombe. As ever, if you have any queries, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. The easiest method for this is through our class email accounts ([kestrel@wrpschool.org](mailto:kestrel@wrpschool.org), [kingfisher@wrpschool.org](mailto:kingfisher@wrpschool.org), [osprey@wrpschool.org](mailto:osprey@wrpschool.org)).

With kind regards,  
The Year Six Team