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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed a restful break, particularly after our busy trip to the Isle of Wight. This is it- our last term. We cannot believe how quickly this has come around, although it is always an exciting few weeks for our children.

It is only three weeks until our wonderful Year Sixes will be sitting their KS2 SATS and I am aware that this could cause some wobbly emotions at home. However, we feel they are ready to go and they truly have worked their socks off! Please reassure them, that we will make the week as calm as possible. However, please do ensure that children arrive in good time in the mornings, having had plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

Our topic this term is 'Going for Greatness' which incorporates both our in-class study on Roman Britain and our whole school theme of the environment. Below is an outline of what we hope to cover this term:

Geography: Rivers and sustainability

French: About our school

Art: clay sculpting

DT: upcycling textiles

Science: Evolution and inheritance and electricity

Music: 'You've got a friend in me' Charanga unit- celebrating the singer/songwriter Carole King.

SRE: **See below**

PE: The children will continue to have lessons on Tuesday afternoons with Aspire Coaching. On Thursday's (with me) the children will be learning how to play volleyball.

RE: children will continue with the Understanding Christianity scheme of work and will be looking at Islam.

Computing: this half term we will be using iAPP

Literacy: We will be divulging in a number of genres this term with various links to our topic.

However, our core texts will be 'The Thief Lord' by Cornelia Funke and 'Greta's Story' by Valentina Camerini.

Maths: we will begin the term by focusing on angles and shape. After SATS week, we aim to revise previously taught content to build confidence and skills using investigations- right up until the end of the summer term!

Transition

We are hugely aware that transition is vital towards the end of this term, therefore in class we will be looking at dealing with change and how to manage our emotions. Over the next few weeks, we will be transferring vital information to the relevant secondary schools and meeting with the children's future pastoral leaders. Children will also get the opportunity to spend some time at MRC (details will follow).

In terms of celebrating our leavers, we are hoping to go ahead with our traditional Leaver's celebrations, please see the dates below but bear in mind that these will be confirmed nearer the time.

Dates for the diary:

Please read our weekly updates for key dates and reminders.

Tuesday 9th May- SATS Begin (Tuesday to Friday)

Friday 12th May- Last SATS paper and a picnic at Carron Lane Park

Monday 26th June- Chichester Cathedral Leaver's Service

Tuesday 4th July- Open Evening

Wednesday 5th July -MRC Transition Day

Monday 17th July- Leaver's Service (in church)

Wednesday 19th July- In school Leavers' Celebration

Thursday 20th July- Stedham Sleepover

Friday 21st July- Last day of school (children will need to be collected from school)

SRE:

Here are details of the sex and relationship education (SRE) unit for Year 6 this term. Our aim is to make these lessons informative and dare I say fun, with the focus very much being on enabling the children to learn in a safe and supportive environment. I have listed below the areas which will be covered during each session.

1. Stages of human development
2. Being aware of our own, and others emotions, especially during puberty.
3. Personal hygiene
4. Physical and emotional changes during puberty
5. How a baby is made and born
6. Exploring personal safety (including online safety) & body image

Obviously these are only headings and if any of you wish to see and discuss more detailed plans then please do not hesitate to pop in and see myself or Mrs Clarke. I appreciate this is not an easy topic to talk about, but we are happy to chat through any concerns or questions you or your children may have.

During this term I will have some books available in the classroom, aimed at this age group, recommended by the Health Authority, for the children to read and discuss. There will also be an "anonymous question box" for children to post any questions in that they would like answered during this unit. This way the children get an opportunity to ask what they really want to know (within reason) and I will try to answer them!

I hope this information keeps you reasonably well informed of the work we intend to do, enough to be able to understand what your children will be learning, so you can perhaps offer further support at home.

As always, and especially with everything going on this term, please do not hesitate to come in and see me at any time if you have any concerns or worries regarding your children and school. Thanking you as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bowles