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Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to everyone! We hope that you all enjoyed the holiday and that the children are feeling rested and ready to get back to learning. The Spring term is an extremely important one in Year 6. We will be revising in preparation for the SATs assessments in May, as well as learning lots of new things! Here is a brief glance at our programme:

Literacy - We begin the term with a workshop, led by the Young Shakespeare Company, on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This will form the inspiration for all of our writing this first half term. After the half term break, we will be focusing on developing the children's reading skills using the text *The Giver*. During our literacy lessons we will have a major focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar and incorporating that into writing outcomes.

It's still really important that all children are reading regularly at home and commenting in their reading diaries. Children are expected to read each evening (5 times per week) for 20 minutes and be making good progress through their books. Teachers will be checking that students are making steady progress through a novel and selecting appropriate book choices.

Maths - We will cover a range of topics in preparation for SATs, especially arithmetic (the four operations and fractions). Children will then be using and applying their skills to solve multistep problems. We will also be focusing on problem solving skills such as logical reasoning, systematic working and the use of visual models. Please continue to test your child on their times tables, especially as Brookfield will be competing in the Camden Spring Slam times table competition this term.

Science - We begin our Science this term by studying 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and 'Light.' Children will develop a range of skills through practical experiments and research. There is no SATs test in Science; the children's attainment will be assessed in class during lessons.

Computing - This term, we will be continuing our focus on programming using the coding language of 'Python.' We will also be collecting data to create a class-wide database and analysing the information.

Foundation Subjects: Although our main focus this term will be on the core subjects, we will ensure that the children enjoy a balanced curriculum. **Music** will continue to be taught by Julia with a focus on song writing.

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PE for both classes will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday, where they will be learning dance and gymnastics. Our main topic for this term is *Global Society*. There will be a strong focus on **Geography** as well as a little history on the migration of people to Britain since the Second World War. We will also shine a spotlight on 'Rights' to link with the school's commitment to Unicef's 'Rights Respecting Schools' initiative.

Home Learning: Each Thursday, your child will be given home learning on Spellings and Maths. Maths will be assigned using the online homework portal, Hegarty Maths. Please ensure your child watches **the entire video clip** assigned before completing the task and recording their answers on the sheet. **Home Learning is due in on Tuesdays along with the given spelling test.**

Important dates

Monday 15 th January	'Young Shakespeare Company' visiting to perform <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
Monday 15 th January	Swimming Gala Trials for specific pupils
Friday 26 th January	KS2 Wake 'n' Shake
Wednesday 7 th February	Camden Primary Maths Challenge for specific pupils
Thursday 8 th February	Brookfield School Auction
Week beginning 12th February	Half term break
Friday 23 rd February	KS2 Wake 'n' Shake
Tuesday 27 th February	Years 5/6 Girls Football Team Finals for specific pupils
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Monday 5 th March	Writing Week
Monday 12 th March	Choir performing at The Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 14 th March	Camden Dance Festival for specific pupils
Thursday 15 th March	Gymnastics Competition for specific pupils
Tuesday 20 th March	Spring Term Concert
Thursday 22 nd March	Open Afternoon (Parents Evening)
Friday 23 rd March	KS2 Wake 'n' Shake
Tuesday 27 th March	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 29 th March	Last Day Of Term

Any queries, please don't hesitate to let us know - we will be in the junior playground at the end of most days, however we are most easily accessible through our emails (listed below).

We are looking forward to an excellent year and hope to see you soon!

Barnaby, Katie, Sue, and Asher - The Year 6 team

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