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Year 6 Topic Letter – Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's lovely to see everyone back after the Easter holiday; I hope you had a restful break. Our topic this term is 'Wild and Wonderful'; it will be based around our school journey to the Gower Peninsula in South Wales in a few weeks' time. The children are very excited about the trip and already full of ideas for the work they will do following their visit.



Our topic will focus on the geography of coasts, enabling the children to investigate different types of beach, the problem of erosion and how these beautiful environments can be protected. Of course, their first-hand experience at Gower will be a brilliant point at which to start developing this knowledge, along with their understanding of the coast as a habitat for plants and animals. When we return from our trip to Gower, the children will work on a range of creative writing and art projects and this will culminate in our Gower display in the hall. The children's writing will include a retelling of a local legend or ghost story, beach-inspired poetry and a leaflet. We are linking in writing work on the topic of wild animals such as wolves too!

For their art projects, the children will be working on a variety of pieces inspired by a range of artists, as well as the glorious Gower providing stimulus.

Our Science learning focuses on the living things and their habitats. We will be learning about different classification systems, similarities and differences between classified groups and developing understanding of microorganisms.

Following the SATs, the children will be embarking on maths projects aimed at opening their eyes to the possibilities of mathematics, and we will be also be doing lots of problem-solving activities and investigations. We hope this work will inspire them to go on to secondary school as confident, enthusiastic mathematicians whilst continuing to develop their mathematical knowledge and skills.

In Computing this term, the children will learn how to use photo-editing software and they will also create spreadsheets using Excel to complement their learning in maths.

Class P.E. Sessions this term will be on Mondays and Tuesdays (Arsenal football sessions) and the children will need shorts or jogging bottoms, t-shirts and trainers appropriate for outdoor games. We will have **swimming every day for 2 weeks from 19th June.**

Home learning will continue to be **given out on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday.** In addition to the set home learning tasks, the children should continue to practise and become secure in their number facts and skills; Maths Zone, Mathletics, Maths Is Fun and My Mini Maths websites are a good revision tool. The children should also continue to learn the spellings from

the Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 word lists (these are on Seesaw) as well as practising common spelling patterns and tricky words.

There are many ways that you can continue to support your child at home, here are some suggestions:

General	<p>Organisation & Independence: Now that your child is approaching the end of primary school, it is really important that they begin to take more responsibility for organising what they need for each day. They should be able to remember when they need to bring and pack their own bags.</p>
English	<p>Presentation & Punctuation: It is crucial that the children can now use basic punctuation accurately and consistently and try to use a wider range (such as parenthesis, colons and semi-colons). Encourage your child to practise neat, joined handwriting.</p> <p>Reading: Discuss the books your child is reading with them, including non-fiction texts. Encourage them to talk about the language used and why the author may have chosen certain vocabulary and their intended impact on the reader.</p>
Maths	<p>Mental maths: Please continue to support your child in learning and practising their times tables and finding division and other related facts from these eg. $4 \times 6 = 24$ so $24 \div 6 = 4$, $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24 is 6, $40 \times 6 = 240$ and $400 \times 6 = 2400$.</p> <p>Maths in everyday life: Talk with your child about how you use maths in your life (everyone does!). For example, discuss how you measure when you fill up the car with petrol, work out quantities and ratios for a recipe and how long you have until your film starts at the cinema.</p> <p>All areas of maths are covered on this website: www.mathszone.co.uk and at www.mathletics.co.uk</p>

Some important dates:

- Gower/SATs Meeting 5.30pm – Tuesday 25th April
- May bank holiday – Monday 1st
- School closed (additional bank holiday) – Monday 8th May
- SATS WEEK – Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May
- Sports at Talacre – Tuesday 16th May
- London Zoo trip – Thursday 18th May
- Gower school journey – 22nd May – 26th May
- Half term holiday – week beginning 29th May
- Swimming every day - Monday 19th – Friday 30th June
- Fun Run – Monday 3rd July
- Sports Day – Friday 7th July
- Leavers' assembly and BBQ – Thursday 20th July
- Last day of school -2pm finish – Friday 21st July

If you would like to discuss anything with us, please do not hesitate to contact us or come in for a chat after school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Lynley Benbetka, Holly Kingham and the Year 6 Team

