

**Year 6- Barley Newsletter**  
**Summer Term**

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the holidays and are well-rested!

**SATS**

The children have been working extremely hard this year and their efforts will culminate in the statutory tests on the following dates:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – English Grammar, Punctuation and Spellings

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – English Reading

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Mathematics Papers 1 & 2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Mathematics Paper 3

**Hook Day**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, to celebrate the end of the tests, we will be throwing a party titled 'Party through the decades!' This will link to our history topic, where we will be learning about changes in Britain from the 1950's to the 1990's. We invite the children to dress accordingly for the party. We look forward to seeing children dressed in the fashion from one of these decades, or even dressed as an iconic celebrity from the last century!

**What's happening in class?**

There will be lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place in Barley class, following the test week. The children will still be working on lots of fabulous writing, including creating persuasive arguments with a real purpose – 'How to take better care of our planet' – we will be doing lots of work on this cross-curricular project. As part of our geography work, we will also research the local area, developing our map and fieldwork skills, then compare with the continent of South America (we will also research about the culture of this part of the world).

Another cross-curricular project that the children will explore will be how Britain has changed since 1948. We will learn about the technological advancements and discoveries, focussing on key individuals and landmark events. We will also study art forms that developed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and complete a DT textiles project, where children will design and make an item of clothing, based on the ever-changing fashion trends.

Science and DT will also combine in a cross-curricular project where children will further develop their understanding of a healthy human circulatory system. They will study how to keep the heart healthy and the impact this has on the cardiovascular system, and also create some savoury burgers based on their research.

Elsewhere in science, we will learn about how living things are classified according to observable characteristics (including some outdoor learning and observations), then move on to explore electrical circuits. Armed with the knowledge of electrical systems, we will then complete another DT project that utilises these and other mechanical systems.

Maths and writing skills will also be put to good use when designing products and stalls for the Summer Fayre!

In addition to the learning, there will be lots of extra-curricular opportunities coming up this term. There will be several fundraising events, beginning with a superhero fancy dress day on 10<sup>th</sup> May. We will also continue the school tradition of Founder's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. There will be plenty of trips, including the Butlins residential and the Y6 leavers treat. Children will also be working towards their end-of-year musical production and the leavers service.

**PE – Thursday**

PLEASE ensure that your child remembers to bring their FULL PE kit. Children will be going outside, where possible, please ensure they have outside and inside footwear and suitable clothing.

**Water**

Could you also ensure your child has a water bottle in school too, as keeping hydrated is important and does impact positively on pupils' learning. Thank you.

**Home Learning**

Please check your child's Home Learning book. Children are expected to read a minimum of 3 times per week and in addition will be given tasks related to their reading. Maths home learning will be times table practice using TT Rockstars. Pupils are expected to complete several topic-based activities over the term. Please see the topic home-learning sheet for more information on tasks.

**CGP Books**

All CGP books are expected in school every day. Related tasks will be set on the following days:

**GPS: Set Monday, Hand in by Thursday**

**Arithmetic & Maths: Set Wednesday, Hand in by Monday**

**Mr Middleton, Mrs Smith and Mrs Jones**