

EAST SHEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



YEAR SIX CURRICULUM BULLETIN SUMMER TERM

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the summer term! This bulletin is to outline events for Year 6 pupils and remind you of important dates.

SATs Week

Year 6 children across the country will be sitting their SATs tests from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2025**. It is **imperative** that your child is punctual and attends school every day. If they are unwell, please let us know as soon as possible. It would be highly beneficial if you could try to ensure that all pupils get plenty of sleep during this week in particular. The timetable for the tests is as follows:

Monday 11th May

English Paper 1: SPAG short answer questions
English Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 12th May

English reading paper

Wednesday 13th May

Maths Paper 1: arithmetic paper
Maths Paper 2: reasoning paper

Thursday 14th May

Maths Paper 3: reasoning paper

At the start of the summer term, we will be revising key areas and completing practice papers in preparation for these tests.

After the tests, we will be continuing to work towards the children's writing assessments and then completing transition units in English and maths, which have been designed to help pupils make a successful start to their secondary school education.

English

To complete their writing assessments, the children will be writing a dramatic piece about a specific moment in time. The topic of the transition unit is '*Journey to the River Sea*'. We will focus on the whole text, using it as a stimulus for different writing activities such as discursive writing linked to our environmental guardianship (guardians of the air).

Mathematics

The focus will be on using and applying skills to problem solving. We will also do some work on shape and continue our arithmetic skills with regular practice papers. Furthermore, the

children will be involved in projects in which children apply their maths skills in real life examples such as landscape gardening and designing a theme park.

Geography

Our human and physical geography will focus on volcanoes and earthquakes. We will develop geographical skills through the use of maps, atlases, globes and compasses. This topic will support cross-curricula links with the science topic 'Evolution and Inheritance' as the children will explore Charles Darwin's findings in the Galapagos Islands. They will also study the geography of Ancient Maya during their history lessons.

History

We will be learning about the Maya Civilisation and focus on their way of life, their food and culture. They will look at a range of historical sources and investigate the culture, religion and farming habits of this ancient civilisation.

Science

In science, we will cover the topics 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Evolution and Inheritance'. They will learn about the Linneaus System of classification and use this to classify living things. In their Evolution topic, they will carry out a myriad of practical investigations, learning about genetic inheritance by making their own marshmallow families, learning about adaptations through the battle of the beaks and creating their own animals to survive in an extreme environment.

PE

PE and Games sessions will continue at the normal times with a focus on athletics in the lead up to sports day and in the second half of the term, striking and fielding. Please ensure that your child always has the correct kit and trainers in school. **Please note: Sports Day is on Friday 22nd May this year.**

RE/PSHE

In RE, we will continue to study Christianity, focusing on the key question: Is anything ever eternal? RE lessons will then be focused on Islam. Our key question will be: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

In PSHE, we will continue to use Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) which is a teaching and learning programme that includes the statutory RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) curriculum and has a strong focus on emotional and mental health and wellbeing. The focus this term will be on preparing for secondary school.

Computing

Through the year, we constantly refresh our knowledge and skills in e-safety. We will learn how to navigate the internet in an informed, safe and respectful way.

Unit 5 Data Handling: Big Data 2. Before half-term, children will explore data usage and smart schools.

Unit 6 Inventing A Product. After half-term, children will learn how to design a product. Children will evaluate, adapt and debug code to make it suitable and efficient for their

needs; use a software program to design their products; and create their own websites and video adverts to promote their inventions.

Art

In the summer term, Year 6 will use their previously taught drawing and painting skills to design and create the set for the school production. They will work together to plan and produce artwork with purpose and creativity. Children will also explore different artistic styles, including manga, to broaden their ideas and techniques.

Music

As well as weekly singing assemblies and regular singing in class, children will listen to, perform and explore a wide range of music. In the summer term, Year 6 will explore different vocal timbres, compose a soundtrack and examine identity through song.

French

In the summer term, Year 6 children are learning to talk about sports they like, say what they think of different sports give reasons for preferences and prepare a presentation about a French sporting event.

Thinking Schools & Wellbeing Award

The children will continue to use tools from their 'Thinking School' toolkit, including thinking maps, thinking hats and habits of mind. The 'Thinking School' methodologies aim to equip children with the thinking skills needed to effectively tackle problems across and beyond the curriculum, both at school and in the future, through deep and critical thinking.

Thank you for your continued support and we'd like to wish all the children good luck in the forthcoming tests.

With best wishes,

The Year 6 Team

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YEAR SIX DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SUMMER TERM



Term begins Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

SATs week Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May

SATs week celebration trip to Palewell Park – Date TBC

KS2 Sports Day at Barn Elms Friday 22nd May

Half-term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

INSET day Monday 1st June

Production to parents 6.00pm, Wednesday 8th July

Leavers' BBQ Wednesday 8th July (straight after the production)

Last day of term 2pm finish, Friday 17th July (shirt and yearbook signing day)