



Year 6 Newsletter

**Summer 1
2024**

We are now entering the Summer Term, which will be your child's final term at Wembley Primary School. During this term, we will be ensuring your child is ready for secondary school, both academically and socially. Now that you have met your child's teacher, you will have a clear idea about the areas they need to work on. These are especially important with SATs starting the second week of May, please use these areas of development to work on at home and ensure you support your child at home with any home learning and that they are reading everyday, choosing challenging texts. For help with this, please contact the class teacher.

English

In English this half term the children will be looking at developing their SPAG knowledge, in particular: tenses, clauses, use of advanced punctuation : ; () and -. We will be learning how to apply this to writing. This will be through the work of William Shakespeare: the story of Macbeth, building on their Year 5 learning of Romeo and Juliet. The children will be using their creative writing to deeply explain a scene from the play.

We will continue to develop writing at length and for different purposes, ready for their transition to secondary school. We will focus on developing language choices to have an impact on the reader, formal and informal language and continue to develop cohesion throughout and across paragraphs using devices such as synonyms, pronouns and repetition.

Science

In Science, we will build on our knowledge of living things and how they adapt to particular environments. We will introduce the idea that variation in organisms can result in the species becoming better adapted to its environment and that the process of natural selection, over a long period of time, leads to evolution. This will also help us to learn how inherited characteristics are passed on from parents to offspring and that environmental variables also affect how organisms look and behave. You can discuss some traits you have inherited with your parents.

Computing Spreadsheets

This unit introduces children to spreadsheets. We will organise data into columns and rows to create our data set. We will introduce formulas and begin to understand how they can be used to produce calculated data.

Destination Reader

In Destination Reader we will be drilling down deep into exam technique and how to gain the best results from different types of questions. This will be achieved through close inspections of previous papers and understanding which answering style to use and where.

History Crime and Punishment

How have crimes and punishments changed throughout history? Children will discover the history of our justice system and how punishments varied throughout the time periods.

Pupils will use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about an aspect of time from the past: Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Tudor, Victorian. Pupils will write an account of cause and effect from the past using evidence to support their answer.

Maths

We will be ensuring your child is secure in the key areas of maths, which they will need as they go on to secondary school: number and place value, fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement and geometry.

We start our final preparations for SATs taking place the week of 13th May. Following this, we will conduct investigations where pupils will link their maths skills.

Design & Technology

This half term the children will be learning about cams and their purpose. They will draw annotated diagrams of pear and snail-shaped cams. The children will design a toy for a younger child.

RE

Children will understand the significance of historical events in some major religions and how these events are commemorated.

PE

Your child will have the opportunity to play team sports and develop their fitness.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress an appointment can be made with us. Please let us know the day before. We are available at the end of the school day at 3.30pm for short discussions.

Thank you Mrs Mentore 6W Mr Horwood 6P Miss Khatun-Ali 6S Miss Salloub 6F



Year 6 Topic Home Learning Summer 1

Complete all three challenges by Monday 20th May 2024

Don't forget to read and practise spellings every day.

Geography —Year 6 Retrieval

Write a letter to the Prime Minister explaining what you have learnt about climate change and what the government should do in order to combat it.

Think about your techniques of persuasion: flattery, rhetorical questions and presumption.

I know someone as ___ as you will ___
Is it not important to lead by example?
I know that you will do the right thing and _____.

PSHE—Secondary School Transition

Write a diary entry record you initial feelings about secondary school.



What are you worried about?

What questions do you have?

Make sure you speak to someone about your concerns.

Find out what the school uniform policy is for your new school.

Put together a list of equipment you will need to buy over the summer in order to be ready for your first day.

Super Power of Looking

This half term focuses on the 'Armada Portrait' of Elizabeth I (1533–1603 painted by an unknown English artist around 1588.

Discuss the questions below with your parent and submit answers on Google classroom or in your red book.



1. What is Elizabeth holding?
2. What is Elizabeth wearing for this portrait?
3. What might you see, smell or hear if you were transported into the painting?
4. Which colours are used most in this painting?
5. Look carefully at the background scenes. What do they show?
6. Where do you think Elizabeth is sitting for this portrait?

Compulsory Homework—Maths Fluency Focus

Homework will be based upon the revision which the children are completing in lessons.

If you need support at home, you can always go to Corbett Maths which shows videos explaining how to answer different reasoning and arithmetic questions.

[Videos and Worksheets – Corbettmaths Primary](https://www.corbettmaths.com/)

