

Aim High, Fly High

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Easter break and your child is raring to go in this final and important term.

As always, we have an exciting Summer term ahead of us, learning about the Amazing Americas and Crime and Punishment. More information on this topic can be found on the Year 5/6 Overview. We will be studying 'Holes' by Louis Sacher and 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce in our English lessons this term. Please do not let your children read ahead as we want them to experience the fun together!

This term we are looking forward to our Year 5 residential at Burwell house and our Year 6 residential at Norfolk Lakes. As a school, we will be starting swimming lessons (more information to follow), participating in sports day and saying goodbye to our lovely Year 6s. Keep an eye out for details about their last Duxford production in July!

Year 6s are eagerly counting down to SATs week in May and we will be working hard to prepare for these. Please see below for more information. Year 5s will be working with Miss Barron during any SATs preparations to ensure that they do not miss out on any crucial learning.

Key stage 2 tests

The statutory $\underline{\text{key stage 2 tests}}$ are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024:

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2 $$
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

This half term the children will also be participating in RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons. Year 6 will be recapping identifying female and male sexual parts, covering how babies are conceived and born, recognising changes in puberty, considering a range of family arrangements and exploring reasons why people enter marriage. Year 5 will be identifying female and male sexual parts and describing their functions, considering changes that happen during puberty, exploring how media, family and friends influence attitudes towards their bodies, personal hygiene and understanding safe routines to stop the spread of viruses and bacteria.

This half-term's Cambridge United PE lessons will continue to be on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (plain white/black/navy t-shirt, joggers or shorts, trainers and normal school jumper).

Home learning will continue to be set weekly but will be more SATS-focused this term and we will continue to send out adaptations for year 5 students. There will also be a Geography home learning to be completed by the 20th May. More details will be provided about this soon and we plan to host another exhibition of your children's work!

In addition, children will continue to be given **compulsory** weekly spellings, which they will be tested on every Monday, and times tables to learn, which they will be tested on every Friday. Home learning needs to be handed in by Tuesday at the latest and will be marked on a Wednesday before new home learning is set.

If you have any queries, please contact the office who will pass on the message to me. I will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to help your child to have a great final term at Duxford Primary.

Best wishes, Miss Emma Barron