

Curriculum News - Year Six - Summer Term – Mrs. Jenkins

This is a very important and busy term for Year 6. During the first half term pupils will undergo their end-of-year assessments. In the second half term the class will embark on several projects and trips; these have been outlined below in the '*dates for your diary*' section.

How can you help? – This is a busy term. To maximise their potential and ensure they have the best possible final term at St Brides, pupils will need to make sure that they come to school on a regular basis and that they go to bed at a sensible time. Your help with these matters is much appreciated.

The focus of this term's work will be on the core subject areas.

Literacy – During the first half term the class will undertake a variety of writing, reading and oral activities. This work will be used to make judgments on the level of attainment your child has achieved. It will cover all genres of the subject including fiction, non-fiction, writing, reading and oracy. During the first half term pupils will also undertake National literacy, spelling and reading tests.

The children in Year 6 are shadowing Welsh Books Council's 'The Tir Na N-Og' award. The award is for the best children's book written by a Welsh author (or about Wales) within the last 12 months.

They will be given a copy of one of the 4 shortlisted titles to read in the next few weeks. They will need to read the book as quickly as possible ensuring that it is in their bags for school daily. We will then swap books after 2 weeks. Our language work in the latter part of this half term will be related to the books. The books have all been numbered and children have signed them out of school. It is vital that they return them to class when asked to.

Welsh and International Languages- The children will be revising all the knowledge that they have acquired this year including sentence patterns, structures, vocabulary, and grammar.

This is so that their knowledge, understanding, and skills are developed within an integrated programme of speaking and listening, reading and writing.

Mathematics and Numeracy - The class will continue to work on the four main areas of mathematics: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as looking at shape and measurement. During the first half term pupils will also undertake assessed pieces of work and National Numeracy tests, procedural and reasoning.

Humanities, Science and Technology, Expressive Arts

Topic – This term is all about transition teaching the children that they can achieve anything they wish for in life or go anywhere because they have the opportunity and the ability to do so.

In class the children will learn about the World around them, including Wales. They will learn about travel writing, VLOGs, and food from around the World. They will be planning holidays and preparing for their week in Storey Arms. We will also learn about famous scientists and their discoveries. Expressive arts will be an important area of learning as we prepare for our Leaver's assembly in the second half of term.

Health and Well Being – This term we will be focusing on the summer sports of Athletics and Striking & Fielding games including Cricket, Rounders and Baseball. We will also take part in some outdoor adventure activities which are aimed at increasing the pupils' skills of co-operation and teamwork.

RVE - We will be developing our understanding of other beliefs, and then we will be thinking about

how our church continues the work and preaching of Jesus.

Dates for the diary

9th May:	Individual and Class photos
12th – 23rd May:	Assessment fortnight
9th – 13th June:	Storey Arms residential week
26th June:	Cowbridge transition day
7th July:	Llandaff Cathedral Leavers' Service
8th – 11th July:	Cycling proficiency
18th July:	Leavers' Assembly at 1:30pm

I will update you on transition to secondary school when I have more information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with everything that we do in class and in school. As I have said, this is a very important and busy term for the class; I hope that we can make it an enjoyable one and one that each pupil will remember.