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6TM Summer 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed the half term holiday and are ready for a very busy final half term at Queensgate. I am really pleased to see that the children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm for their final term. As well as continuing to work on the core subjects and preparing the children for secondary school, we have a number of activities planned such as the production, sports days (participating in and helping with), transition days, Year 6 summer stalls, a BBQ/water fight day and of course their leavers assembly to prepare for.

Transition days

All pupils will have a transition day to their secondary school during this half term. The date for transition to Cowes, Medina, Christ the King and Ryde is Tuesday 8th of July. The Island Free School has two transition days on 8th and 9th July. Please make sure that you discuss with your child how they will get to their secondary school for transition as we will not be expecting them to attend Queensgate.

Maths

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to develop the key skills the children will need for Secondary School. We will also be completing "real life" projects, which will require the children to apply the skills they have learnt in different real-life scenarios. We will also be working on a Money Sense project which will not only cover maths objectives but will include objectives from the PSHE and English curriculum. This will also tie in with the Year 6 Summer Stalls enterprise project.

English

All our English work will be focused on the key objectives the children need to help them transition well to secondary school.

History

In history we will be continuing to learn about the Maya Civilisation. We have already explored who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful. We will now move on to discovering how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made, especially in farming. The unit finishes with a comparison between the Ancient Maya Civilisation and Anglo-Saxon Britain, with a focus on the similarities and differences between the Maya City States and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms; drawing on the archaeological evidence available to us.

Science

We will be continuing our work on the circulatory system. We will also look at the effects of exercise on our bodies and why we need to have a balanced healthy diet.

PE Lessons

PE lessons will be outside this half term and children need to come to school in their PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on these days (no hoodies please). Please also make sure they have sunscreen on, a hat and a **water bottle every day**.

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RE

The theme for our RE day, towards the end of this term, is the River of Life. For many people, religious or non religious, the concept of a River for their life is important. During our day, we will focus on what some people, who are non-religious and describe themselves as Humanist, might use the concept of a River of life for.

PSHE/RSE

The Department for Education recommends that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and - drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born. Therefore, our topic this term is growing, changing and respectful relationships. This is an age appropriate programme of study to support children's ongoing emotional and physical development. In addition to conception and birth, it will include the changing adolescent body (body hair, male and female reproductive organs, menstrual wellbeing and key facts relating to the menstrual cycle). If you have any concerns about this or would like more information please feel free to contact me through the school office.

Events

On **Thursday 10th July**, the children have been invited to the Isle of Wight College to take part in their Carnival Cruise Taster Day. The objective of this project is to learn about the different roles on board a cruise ship and the importance of high levels of service to guests in a safe and well organised environment. The children will be taught about the importance of careful planning, teamwork and high standards when providing complex hospitality experiences. Before the 10th, the children will complete a variety of individual learning modules during school time. More information about this off site event will follow on Compass.

Production - School of Pop

This year we are putting on a production as a year group. The children have already started work on this and are preparing to present it to parents on Tuesday 22nd July, with performances at 1:30pm and 6:00pm. It is really important that children are in school every day as we rehearse for this and that they remember to bring their scripts in with them. More details will follow about how to get tickets for the show.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mr Gwilliam and Mrs Wiper