



Hello Summer Term!

Welcome to the summer term! I hope you have all had a lovely holiday.

This is a busy term for Year 6, with SATs coming up, and with lots of exciting and engaging opportunities to end Abbey Gates on a high and ensure the children are ready for the transition into secondary school.

In Year 6, this term, we will be moving onto our **CREATE Project**, focusing on **Art** and **Music** via our Big Question 'Does art change reality?'



In **Art**, the children will be exploring photography as a medium for expressing ideas, investigating the use of scale, composition, colour and techniques for adapting finished images. They will use digital media to design and create photographic imagery to meet a specific design brief. After half term, they will be creating a personal memory box using a collection of found objects and hand-sculptured forms, reflecting primary school life with symbolic and personal meaning.



In **Music**, the children will learn to identify and describe elements of musical shape using technical language, exploring musical notation and using chords and structure. They will also learn and perform the summer term production with Year 5.

Year 6, Summer Dates

- Fri 25th April – Breathing Workshops commence (a four lesson curriculum to give pupils a taste of mindfulness and support them).
- Wed 30th April – PE lessons delivered by Josph Whitaker staff commence (6 weeks worth).
- Week beginning Mon 12th May – KS2 SATS week
- Thurs 22nd May – Swimming commences (9 sessions). (more information to follow soon).
- Week beginning Mon 9th June - RSE sessions in Key Stage 2. (more information to follow soon).
- Fri 20th June – Sports Day. (more information to follow soon).
- Fri 27th June – Y5/Y6 Art trip. (more information to follow soon).
- Mon 30th June – Wed 2nd July - Year 6 transition days at Josph Whitaker. (more information to follow soon).
- Wed 9th July – Transition Workshop
- Week beginning Mon 14th July – Bikeability. (more information to follow soon).
- Dates for the Year 5/6 summer term performance TBC (more information to follow).
- Tue 29th July - Year 6 Farewell Assembly to parents (more information to follow).

Y5/6 Summer Production:

The summer term will finish with a bang when the Year 5/6 pupils will have the opportunity to showcase all of their talents in the Upper KS2 production. All the children will be involved in the production, whether speaking on stage, designing scenery or supporting with technology. We will send a letter in due course to give more information about the performance.

How can you support your children at home?

- SATs Support: Make use of the SATs support materials on the school website as shared at parents evening and the SATs meeting.
[SATs support | Abbey Gates Primary School](#)
- Reading: Reading is the gateway to the whole curriculum. Year 6 children should continue to read every night. To support, please make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the Year 6 class page.
[Reading | Abbey Gates Primary School](#)
- Sticky Questions: These questions encourage discussion and use of the Spoken Word. The Year 6 children will be given a different question each week and we will discuss them in class on Friday. Please take some time to discuss these each week.
[Sticky Question | Abbey Gates Primary School](#)

Curriculum Focus

Writing: Informal Letter, Formal Letter, Balanced Argument, Narrative Suspense, Auto-biography. Performance Poetry
Reading: 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen
Mathematics: SATs revision - efficient use of methods and problem solving.
PE: Tennis, cricket and athletics.
RE: Beliefs in action in the world and Religion, worldviews, family and community.
Science: Evolution and Inheritance, and Light.
D&T: Mechanical systems: Automata toys.

PE

This term, PE will move to a **Wednesday**. For 6 of these sessions, PE staff from Josph Whitaker will be coming over to Abbey Gates to deliver the sessions. Children must come to school in their **SCHOOL PE kit** on these days. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back and that children are not wearing any jewellery (especially earrings). Year 6 will be attending swimming lesson this summer term on Thursday mornings for 9 sessions (more information to follow soon).

We will continue to regularly update our class pages with information and updates about the amazing learning that will be taking place. As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange an appointment after

Yours sincerely,
Mr Rich and Mrs Miles

