



Theale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed a relaxing holiday with your family! The children have returned to school ready to learn which is fabulous for this busy term. The children have been working incredibly hard towards their SATs and have made a positive and confident start. After 'SATs week', we have lots of exciting things planned:

Subject	Overview
Maths	Year 7 transition activities (applying number work, higher stage reasoning skills).
English	Scripts; commentary writing; Story writing with focus on dialogue. Year 7 transition activities.
Science	Electricity – voltage; variation in component function; symbols. Working scientifically – further development of investigative skills
History	Crime and Punishment
Geography	Mapping and coordinate skills.
Art & DT	The Seaside/ Water - Create art work inspired by holidays as well as our recent trip to Osmington Bay.
RE	Is anything ever eternal?
Music	Pop Music Melodic composition Learning songs for the summer production.
ICT/Lifeskills	Binary – investigating number systems other than base 10; understanding simple binary and its significance in computing Text adventures – Design and make a choose-your-own-adventure game using hyperlinks. Identity; Risk; A Healthy, Balanced Lifestyle
PE	Athletics. Peer moderating of individual targets in running, jumping and throwing. / Hockey/Tennis. Match play, scoring

Homework

Children are set weekly spelling homework on Spelling shed which is due every Monday; they will then receive a spelling test in school on the same day. Alongside this we also set weekly times table homework on TTRS. Children are required to complete at least 15 minutes a week. We also ask that your child reads daily at home and, where possible, aloud to an adult.

Specialist Teaching

We are fortunate enough to have many specialist teachers across the school. In Year 6, the children will have drama, dance and music on a Thursday afternoon, taught by Carrie Jones, Claire Bowden and Mrs Rowden. Madame Bastable will teach French language and cultural studies on a Wednesday afternoon.

PE

The children will have PE every other Monday, as well as a weekly dance lesson with Claire. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week to allow for any timetable changes. Within their PE kit, the children should have shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor PE and tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor PE. They should also have a change of socks. This is especially important for girls who will need to change out of tights for PE. Can we please also ask that, for safety reasons, any earrings/studs are removed for all PE activities as soon as is possible after any initial piercing. Only during the 'healing' period will children be allowed to wear tape to cover these.

Uniform

Thank you for returning your child to school looking so presentable. The smart appearance of our children is often noted by the public. Due to health and safety requirements, it is school policy that all children whose hair is long enough should have it tied up. We also request that children do not have any unnatural colours or extreme styles, for example no stripes or shapes cut into their hair please. Makeup is also not permitted to be worn in school; we ask for your support in reinforcing this with your child.

Outdoor Learning

This term, Outdoor Education will take place on Fridays. Your child will have outdoor learning once every 4 weeks. We will do our best to tell your child if they have outdoor learning the day before. But, if they are unsure, they should bring their outdoor learning kit in every Friday this will also allow for any timetable changes. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the weather including a waterproof coat, just in case.

Water Bottles

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's policy on water bottles. Children are kindly requested to bring a bottle containing water which they will have access to throughout the day. We ask for water instead of drinks such as squash, as they can be very sticky when spilt and can cause damage to books and equipment. Having water readily available also helps to support our Healthy Schools initiative. The children may, however, have a separate drink of squash or similar (no fizzy drinks or energy drinks please) in their lunchbox for when they are in the lunch hall. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

RSE

At Theale Primary, we take pride in nurturing the whole child: academically, spiritually, morally and emotionally. We are aware of the modern world our pupils live in and want to ensure they are fully prepared for growing up during their time with us and beyond. As part of this development, we have a responsibility to provide a comprehensive Relationship Education and Health Education for all pupils. In line with our RSE policy and government guidance, this term your child will be learning about healthy, respectful relationships.

Within this, we will cover:

- Adult relationships
- The legal age of consent
- Consent
- Staying safe in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to get in touch. You may also wish to read our RSE policy which is located on our website.

Summer Weather

With the onset of the warmer weather, please apply sun cream before your child comes to school and ensure they bring a named sun hat each day. If you wish to send sun cream in to school for your child to apply later in the day, please note that children must be able to do this themselves. Please ensure that sun cream is also clearly named.

Dates to Note

SATs- Week Beginning 13th May
Parliament Trip- Tuesday 11th June

We hope this information will be useful to you. Should you have any questions, please come and see us: our doors are always open. Here's to an informative and inspiring term and the culmination of years' worth of hard work and successes!

Many thanks,

Lydia Parsley
Year 6 Class Teacher

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Year 6 Class Teacher