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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have a wonderful Easter and enjoy a relaxing holiday with your family! The children have been working incredibly hard towards their SATs and have made a positive and confident start. The summer term is very busy for our Year 6 children; after 'SATs week', we have lots of exciting things planned

Curriculum Overview

This term, pupils will focus on:

Subject	Overview
Maths	Year 7 transition activities (applying number work, higher stage reasoning skills).
English	Scripts; poetry; historical narrative; instructions. 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 Oslington Bay.
RE	Is anything ever eternal?
Music	Pop Music Melodic composition Learning songs for the summer production.
ICT	Networks- Understanding what a network is and why they are important; recognizing the internet as a global network Text adventures – Design and make a choose-your-own-adventure game using hyperlinks.
PE	Athletics. Peer moderating of individual targets in running, jumping and throwing. / Hockey/Tennis. Match play, scoring
Lifeskills	Identity; Risk; A Healthy, Balanced Lifestyle

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 Thursday afternoon, taught by Claire, Miss Lynch and our new drama teacher Sam. Madame Bastable will teach French language and cultural studies on a Wednesday afternoon. In addition to this, teachers from across the school will be teaching the children in their areas of interest and expertise

PE

Physical Education is an important part of our curriculum, helping children develop fitness, teamwork, and confidence. The children will have PE every other Monday (Week 2) as well as a weekly dance lesson with Claire. To allow for timetable variations, **please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week.** This ensures they are prepared for any changes and can fully participate in all activities. Within their PE kit, the children should have shorts, a white t-shirt 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. We ask you to wait until the summer holidays for any ear piercings to allow them time to heal so they can be removed for PE.

If your child is in G&T drama or dance, they will need their blacks each Friday. These should **not** be worn into school instead of school uniform.

Outdoor Learning

This term, Outdoor Education will take place on Friday. Your child will have outdoor learning once every three weeks. Your child should have a suitable waterproof coat, depending on the weather, sun hat and suncream or hat and gloves and a change of footwear that you won't mind getting muddy such as Wellies. We will always try to remind your child if they have Outdoor learning the day before. If you are unsure, they can always bring their kit just in case.

Homework

To support your child's learning at home and reinforce key skills taught in class, we set regular homework tasks. These help pupils consolidate their understanding and develop good study habits.

This term, homework will include:

- Weekly spelling homework on ED Shed due every Monday.
- Weekly times tables practice on TTRS (minimum 20 minutes) due every Monday
- Daily reading at home, ideally aloud to an adult. Please sign your child's reading record to evidence this activity.

Uniform

Thank you for sending your child to school looking so smart and ready to learn! We're proud that the children's appearance is often complimented by members of the community, and we really appreciate your support in keeping up these high standards.

For health and safety reasons, we ask that any child with hair long enough to tie back does so. We also kindly request that hairstyles remain natural and suitable for school. please avoid bright colours or patterns shaved into the hair. Finally, just a reminder that makeup and nail varnish aren't allowed in school. Thank you for helping us reinforce these expectations at home.

Equipment:

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.

Please could you remind your child that toys, fidgets, and valuables should not be brought into school. These items can easily become lost or damaged, and they can also distract from learning. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep the focus on learning throughout the day

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.

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.

Key Dates:

Harry Potter Trip: 23rd April

KS2 SATs week: 11th – 14th May

Summer Production at the Hexagon: 9th July

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!

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