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Dear Parents

Summer Term 2025 – Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Hold on tight – the Summer Term is action-packed and before you know it, you'll be celebrating the end of Primary School, wondering what just happened!

We are looking forward to many fulfilling learning experiences yet to come. There will be lots of hard work, fun and frolics, and even a tiny sense of anticipation as their chapter at Prep draws to a close and they prepare for new challenges in Key Stage 3!

English

In English, alongside our constant practice of spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, we will be reading the 'Nowhere Emporium'; a fast-paced, magical novel by Ross MacKenzie. We will also be studying classic narrative poetry, focusing on the 'Lady of Shalott' by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Both of these will give us lots to discuss and plenty of inspiration for our own writing and will lead to extended writing opportunities.

Mystery at Magpie Manor – Year 6 Production

We must start by congratulating all of the children on their auditions – we were blown away, not only by the sheer talent of our children, but through their incredible support of one another during the process – it was a credit to them all.

As the children continue to embrace their final term at JCP, they will be extremely busy dividing their time between academic work and theatrical studies. We are really looking forward to bringing the script to life. They will be busily refining their acting, speaking, listening, dancing and singing skills in addition to designing staging, props and tickets and ultimately performing. We thank you in advance to dedicating time to the rehearsal slots – it is much appreciated. A reminder that an email will be sent to parents each Friday to confirm whether your child is needed at rehearsals the following week. (As explained in a previous email all children are welcome to come to all after-school rehearsals for ease of childcare/end of school arrangements.) A notice board outside Year 6 will also contain this information for the children to check as well as on Seesaw.

Mathematics

In Maths, the children will be working on a range of concepts in preparation for transition to Year 7. Such concepts will include, shape, space and measures, ratio and percentages, creating and interpreting graphs and pie charts, as well as continuing with multistep problems.

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Science

Science this term covers 'Life Cycles', 'Evolution' and 'Healthy Living'. Through the Healthy Living topic we will be studying nutrition and healthy lifestyles, including learning about the impact of alcohol and smoking etc. We will also continue with our Sex Education curriculum – more information to follow.

Geography

Our topic this term is **Volcanoes and Mountains**. We are going to learn what a volcano is and the locations of volcanoes and mountain ranges around the world. We will do independent research projects on famous volcanoes around the world and their effects on the surrounding environment.

Music

This term the children will be rehearsing for their part in the production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. In music, we will be focusing on learning the songs which will involve some solo and 2-part singing, working towards a high standard of performance. Backing tracks are available on Seesaw to enable extra rehearsal outside of music lessons, which will be particularly important for those with solos parts. Later this term we will also be exploring the compositional app 'Garage Band' using the ipads. They will continue to learn the ukulele and some basic keyboard skills, the reading of notation and general music theory.

RE

We will continue our study on Christianity and explore whether it is still a strong religion today. We are building on last term's theme where the children considered a significant person in their personal lives; creating a collage. This term we will be looking at significant people globally and historically.

DT/Art

In design and technology, we will be recreating recipes from the Occupation using the limited resources that would have been available at that time. In Art we will be creating printing based on World War 2 mechanical parts as well as studying contemporary artist Angie Lewin.

PSHE

During the latter half of the Summer Term, we will be covering 'Growing up and Sex Education' as part of our Science and PSHE curriculum. The children will be recapping puberty and learning about conception through to birth.

French Trip

Our eagerly awaited French residential trip is on the week beginning 7th July.

Transition Days

This year, Year 6 secondary school transition days are planned be held on 3rd and 4th July. More information will follow nearer the time.

Leavers' Assembly

We look forward to welcoming you to your child's final assembly at JCP on Thursday 17th July at 1:30pm.

We will also have the eagerly anticipated 'Pathway of Applause' on the final Friday at 2:30pm.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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