



Year 6 Summer Term

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Easter holiday and are ready to continue the hard work in year 6. Here is the key information for this term.

Homework

Homework is set weekly on a **Tuesday** and needs to be completed by the following **Monday**. This term, the majority of homework will be set in the white SATs revision books. The information and page numbers will be on Teams for the children to check. We also encourage children to use Reading Plus. Teachers will log in to monitor how well the children are doing.

Pupils are encouraged to speak to teachers before the homework deadline if they don't understand the homework, have issues logging in or do not have internet access at home. There will be an opportunity to use a school iPad to complete the work if they need to.

Reading

At Hollyfield, we really value the importance of reading and encourage children to read regularly at home. Reading with your child can be a fun and simple way to support your child's education, whatever their age.

Children will have access to reading books within the classroom and are welcome to take them home. In addition to reading books, children will also be expected to continue to use Reading Plus as part of their homework. Reading Plus will be monitored by staff and will provide us with a weekly report on your child's progress. In addition to this, we will continue to visit Sutton library every four weeks so children will have access to a wider range of books.

Science

In Science, our topic will be 'Living things and their habitats' where we will be using the school locality to identify and classify living things. The children will be developing classification keys and testing them out looking for potential flaws. They will also be designing a new creature that fits into a particular classification system.

P.E. and P.E. kits

This term in P.E., the children will focus on athletics and sessions will take place mainly outdoors. P.E. will normally take place on a Tuesday afternoon but it is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school with them every day. If for any reason our P.E. day changes, we will let the children know in school and send a text message out.

English

During our English lessons this term, the children will be looking at the modern fairy tale 'Snow White in New York'. They will be comparing and contrasting it to the original story and analysing the modern elements. The children will be picking their own classic fairy tale to re-write using a modern twist. They will consider setting and characters and how the story can be adapted, whilst still keeping some of the original elements.

Maths

In Maths, we will start by focusing on mathematical reasoning and arithmetic. After this, we will look at problem solving. We will then focus on further developing any areas to support and prepare the children for Year 7.

It is important to note that the children must know their times tables and corresponding division facts for secondary school and be confident with their + - x and ÷ methods.

Our Wider Curriculum

As an artist your child will:

Create a photomontage image.
Take photographs in different poses which show different expressions.
Replicate the mood and expression of a painting.

As a historian your child will:

Understand how Sutton Coldfield has changed over time.
Understand how Sutton Park has been used over time.
Understand how town centres change over time.

As a designer your child will:

Design a waistcoat, drawing inspiration from famous waistcoat wearers.
Mark, cut and pin fabric.
Sew panels together using a simple running stitch.
Decorate a finished product.

As a geographer your child will:

Use a key and symbols to describe features on an Ordnance Survey map.
Use the 8 compass points to describe and plan a route around Sutton Coldfield.
Draw a sketch map to plan a journey around Sutton Coldfield.
Follow a map to a specific location.
Locate cities and counties in the UK using OS maps, road maps and satellite images.
Study maps and the history of the School and the Falcon Lodge estate.

Children will use skills from English and maths by:

Adapting a classic, well-known story to give it a modern twist.
Interpreting information from graphs.

Computing

Children will be completing a unit of work using spreadsheets for real life situations.

They will then complete a unit of work planning their own story based adventures games.

Music

Children will explore the musical concept of theme and variations and discover how rhythms can 'translate' into different instruments. This will be inspired by artwork from the Pop Art era. They will create visual representations of TIKI rhythms.

R.E. and P.H.S.E.

Children will look at different celebrations, focussing on where faith groups celebrate events in their religious calendars. The Lord's Prayer will be used to see how prayers can be a guidance to people and children will be encouraged to be curious and ask questions.

Vocabulary you could help your children to learn at home:

residential	outskirts	boarders	development	suburb
urbanisation	settlements	locality	scale	architecture
environment	terrain	map	compass	rural
urban	physical feature	human feature	landscape	grid reference
landmark	county	ordnance	map key	contour

