

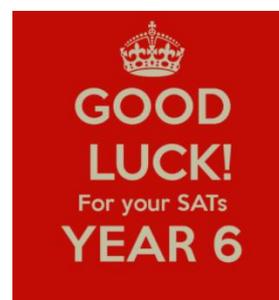
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! For some of the children this will be their last term at Burley Gate and hopefully their most enjoyable yet! I have planned lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities for the children in addition to all the usual sporting and theatrical activities. We will be joined for most of the Summer Term by Miss Batham-Read, a PGCE student from Worcester University, who will be completing her final school placement before qualifying as a teacher.



SATs week this year commences Monday 14th July for four days finishing on Thursday 17th May. The children may bring a small packet of mints into school this week if they wish. After the last test on Thursday, we will enjoy special treat to celebrate the end of SATs Week.

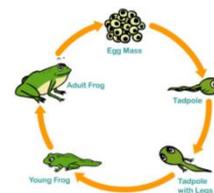
During SATs week it will be especially important to have a good breakfast every morning before school and plenty of sleep. The NHS website states that children of 10 require 9 hours and 45 minutes sleep, and those of 11, 9 hours and 30 minutes sleep, every night. To ensure they sleep well, it is recommended they switch off all electronic devices an hour before they go to bed.



This term, all English, History, Geography, Art and Dance will be covered through our topic on the Ancient Greeks. We will be learning lots about this ancient and very interesting civilisation including: Greek myths and legends; the role of the Gods and religious beliefs; everyday life (including diet, and clothing); democracy and philosophy; physical geography and climate; art and architecture; and sport.

We will be enjoying an 'Ancient Greek Day' on Tuesday 22nd May. The children will be to come to school dressed as an Ancient Greek citizen (so they need to start planning their costume now) and will spend day completing a series of workshops - more details to follow shortly.

In Science we will be learning about life cycles and living things, and evolution and inheritance. The workshop on habitats we took part in during our visit to Bristol Zoo was a start this exciting topic. We will be looking at germination and growing (and hopefully eating!) edible plants as part of our ongoing cross-curricular gardening project.



Homework will continue to be set weekly, on a Thursday, using CGP subject books. The answers to the questions are in the back of the books so that parents and carers can check answers and make the homework more of a shared experience. Books should be handed in on Tuesday for monitoring and so that any additional

support or explanation can be provided. Children are also be expected to read to an adult, **at least three times a week**, and have their reading diary signed. Reading is a basic skill and needs to be practised regularly if they are to have achieved the level of ability and stamina required by the end of Key Stage 2. 'Golden Tickets' will be given out on a Monday when reading diaries are checked and you will have the opportunity to win a book at the end of term in the prize draw. There is no limit to how many tickets you can earn! Congratulations to Huw Woolley who won 'The Secret Viking Adventure' by Ally Kennan last term.



We will continue to practise and develop our key maths skills using the Numeracy Ninjas Program. Many of the children have worked hard to remember their number bonds to 100, learn their multiplication and division tables (to 12x12), and practise basic arithmetic and algebra skills to achieve their red, purple and in some cases brown belts. With determination and some extra practise at home, I feel sure some of them will become 'Grand Masters' this term and earn their black belt. Many congratulations to Ben Chance who became a Grand Master at the end of last term!



We have a new timetable this term (attached). We will have dance on Tuesday afternoons and Outdoor PE with Adriano on a Thursday morning. Please make sure your child has a clean and appropriate school PE available on these days. Afternoon Tea with Mrs Williams, and Gardening with Mrs Hadley will take place on Friday afternoons this term. It would be a good idea for the children to keep a pair of NAMED wellies in school this term, as we will be watering daily throughout the growing season and don't want any wet feet!



It is important that school and home work together as a partnership. I will be available to discuss any issues or concerns briefly with parents in the mornings from 8:45 or a Thursday afternoon until 4pm. Should parents require a longer discussion please contact the school office and make an appointment.

Best wishes for a great term,

Mrs Roberts

PS. As always offers of help, or contributions of buttons, wool, fabric, old magazines and newspapers, stackable yoghurt pots, plants and seeds will be gratefully received.

Important Dates

<i>Saturday 5th May</i>	<i>Netball Golden Trophy</i>
<i>Monday 14th May</i>	<i>SATs start for Year 6</i>
<i>Thursday 17th May</i>	<i>SATs finish</i>
<i>Friday 18th May</i>	<i>French Breakfast</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd May</i>	<i>Greek Day</i>
<i>Friday 25th May</i>	<i>Tag Rugby Tournament</i>
<i>Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June</i>	<i>Half term week</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th June</i>	<i>Residential Trip to Manor Adventure</i>
<i>Wednesday 13th June</i>	<i>Quik Cricket Tournament</i>
<i>Thursday 14th June</i>	<i>Rounders Qualifier at Weobley</i>
<i>Friday 15th June</i>	<i>Whole School visit to Three Counties Show</i>
<i>Tuesday 26th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Leavers Service at Hereford Cathedral</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Crucial Crew</i>
<i>Friday 29th June</i>	<i>Year 5 taster day at John Masefield High School</i>
<i>Wednesday 4th July</i>	<i>Summer games</i>
<i>Thurs 5th & Fri 6th July</i>	<i>Year 6 induction at Queen Elizabeth High School</i>
<i>Wednesday 11th July</i>	<i>Show Performance 6.30pm start</i>
<i>Thursday 12th July</i>	<i>Year 5 taster day at Queen Elizabeth High School</i> <i>Show Performance 6.30pm start</i>
<i>Friday 13th July</i>	<i>Sports day</i>
<i>Thursday 19th July</i>	<i>Year 6 host Afternoon Tea with talents for Family and Friends</i>
<i>Friday 20th July</i>	<i>Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.15pm</i>

How I can help my child in the Summer Term.

1). Encourage children to read at least three times a week and discuss the text with them.

2). Practise times tables, telling the time, simple everyday calculations, (i.e. adding and handling change when shopping, calculating program lengths) and converting units of measure (grams in kilograms, centimetres into metres and kilometres, minutes in hours etc)

3). Research Information on Ancient Greece