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## Summer Term 1

Dear families,

I hope you have all had a good Easter holiday and that your child is refreshed and ready to learn. This will be a very busy term with lots of exciting activities happening as we celebrate the end of your child's time at Queensgate whilst preparing them for their transition to High School.

Obviously, we have SATs test week to prepare for and we will start work on our end of term production - more information on that later in the term. Alongside all of this, we will continue learning about a range of topics as well as participating in a number of sporting activities.

### **SATS**

Children will take their SATs tests on the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please make sure the children are rested for this week and have had plenty of time to relax. We are inviting the children to a free breakfast club in the mornings (Monday - Thursday) from 8.00am so they can have something to eat and socialise with their friends before the tests begin. If your child is showing signs of stress about the tests, please let me know as they really do not need to worry. They have been working hard in school and the tests are just an opportunity to show what they have learnt.

### **Sailing:**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April the children in 6TM will visit UKSA for a FREE half-day water-based adventure. This experience will support your child to gain water-confidence, understand water safety and support them to develop confidence and life skills such as communication and resilience. The Test the Water programme is designed to build confidence and encourage teamwork using water sports and the great outdoors as a catalyst for positive outcomes.

### **Science**

In science we will begin our animals including humans unit. During this unit of work, children will learn about the importance of the circulatory system and how it transports oxygen around our body. They will learn about the heart and how it is an important muscle in our bodies; their heart rate and different activities that can increase the heart rate; being healthy and things they can do to lead a healthy lifestyle as well as learning about things that people do that can cause them to be unhealthy. This links closely with our PSHE lessons (see below).

### **PSHE**

In PSHE we will be providing age-appropriate drug and alcohol education. The series of lessons will focus on managing risk. We will begin by looking at using medicines correctly and safely and how they contribute to people's health and wellbeing, both every day and in emergency situations. Children will also develop their knowledge and understanding of how vaccinations and immunisation can work to stop disease spreading and protect people from infection. Lesson 2 focuses on legal and illegal drugs, other than medicines and the associated effects and risks. Children will also explore how the risk of drug use may vary depending on factors such as the strength of the drug, how much is taken and how often, the

person and the situation. Moving to Lesson 3, the children will learn about the reasons why someone may or may not choose to use a drug, through analysing different influences. They will also explore ways to manage these influences and ways to respond, including how to do so assertively in a range of situations. Finally, we will focus on media messages and influences in relation to smoking/vaping and alcohol use. Children will learn to identify key messages through analysing media such as adverts and health advice posters. They apply these critical thinking skills to assess the reliability of sources and learn how to access reliable and accurate advice and information about alcohol and tobacco/e-cigarette use.

### PE lessons

This term we will complete our handball lessons and learn Pickleball. We will then begin the athletics, and rounders/cricket season with competitions planned for most of these sports. Weather dependent, we will be working on developing our skills in these areas and improving on our own personal best times/distances achieved. All children will need to come to school wearing their full Queensgate PE kit (no hoodies) in school on a Tuesday and Thursday.

### RE

The theme for our RE day, towards the end of this term, is The Journey of Life. The children will explain a personal response to the concept of rites of passage and explain what events have been important in their journey of life so far. By the end of the day, the children will be able to explain how the concept of life as a journey marked by rites of passage can be applied in their own and others' lives, the meaning of rites of passage, the meaning of the Muslim naming ceremony to Muslims. They will evaluate their understanding by explaining the importance and relevance of rites of passage to believers.


### SATS timetable - week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

DAY	TIME (approximate)	TEST
Monday	9.30-10.30	Grammar
Monday	11.00-11.30	Spelling
Tuesday	9.15-10.30	Reading
Wednesday	9.45-10.30	Maths paper 1
Wednesday	11.00-11.50	Maths paper 2
Thursday	9.30-10.30	Maths paper 3

Yours faithfully,

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