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6LR Summer 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed half term holiday and are ready for a very busy final half term at Queensgate. I am really pleased to see that the children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm for their final term. This week's sailing session was amazing - the children's behaviour and willingness to get involved in activities was great both on the journey to and from UKSA and whilst on the water. This sailing session was just one of the curriculum enhancing activities that we will be doing over the next 7 weeks. As well as continuing to work on the core subjects and preparing the children for secondary school, we have a number of activities planned that had to be postponed due to covid as well as sports days (participating in and helping with), transition days, webinars, a BBQ/water fight day and of course the residential for those children who are going.

National/regional projects/competitions

There are a number of projects we will take part in this half term which will allow the children to experience something new and apply their skills in different situations. We will be working with 1CE on the PDSA Petwise Award. This will involve both classes working on separate tasks initially (but sharing the work with each other) and then hopefully we will be able to do some joint activities later in the term (covid dependant).

We will also be taking part in the Monster Kickabout week. This is a new action packed initiative from Sports Direct and Nike aimed at Primary and Secondary schools up and down the country. Throughout the week the children will take part in a range of different physical and art based activities around the theme of football. Another physical competition we will take part in is the Hampshire School Games Virtual Competition which will involve activities on the themes of: Leadership, Competition, Health & Wellbeing Culture and Physical Activity

Transition days

Most pupils will have 2 transition days to their secondary school during this half term. The dates for transition to Cowes, Medina and Ryde are the 13th and 14th July. Please make sure that you discuss with your child how they will get to their secondary school for these days as we will not be expecting them to attend Queensgate.

Visitors/webinars/outings

We have a number of curriculum enhancing activities over the next 7 weeks. We will be having a visit from Sight for Wight volunteers who will be teaching the children about sight loss. This session had to be postponed due to lockdown but it will help consolidate the work the children have already done on the eye in our science lessons. We also have a webinar assembly from the Dogs Trust on how to be safe around dogs and how to look after dogs. Our final webinar is with the education officer from WWF who will be teaching the children about Sir David Attenborough and the changes he's witnessed on our planet over his lifetime. In this lesson the class will discover some of the solutions to help tackle global issues such as deforestation and climate change and the changes we can all make to stand up for our planet. Again this will help consolidate work we have done on environmental issues over the year.

We will also have a shelter building and outdoor art day which had been postponed from the Autumn term. This day will also be a celebration of being awarded some den making equipment for the school as part of a Learning Through Landscapes grant application that the children worked on as a class.

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Maths

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to develop the key skills the children will need for High School. We will also be completing "real life" projects which will require the children to apply the skills they have learnt in different real life scenarios. We will also be working on a Money Sense project which will not only cover maths objectives but will include objectives from the PSHE and English curriculum.

English

All our English work will be focused on the key objectives the children need to help them transition well to secondary school. Much of our written work will be linked to the visitors/activities we will be doing and will include a non-chronological report, diary writing, biographical writing and narrative.

Topic

We will be finishing off our railway topic by looking at the impact that railways had on the Island and the subsequent decline of the railways on the Island- causes and consequences.

PE Lessons

We will continue to have PE lessons on a Tuesday (handball) and a Thursday (tennis) - both of these lessons will be outside. Please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on these days. Please also make sure they have sunscreen on, a hat and a water bottle every day.

PSHE/SRE

In our PSHE/SRE lessons we will be teaching sex education topics and discussing relationships. The sex education lessons will cover areas such as body hair, body changes, male and female reproductive organs, periods and sanitary protection, hygiene, peer pressure and emotional changes. If you have any concerns about this or would like more information please feel free to contact me through the school office or email 6lr@queensgateprimary.co.uk. PSHE lessons will focus on preparing pupils for the changes that they will face over the next few months with regards to their transition to secondary school.

Production

Due to covid restrictions, we are not able to put on a year 6 production this year however we will be working on a class production/assembly that we hope we will be able to share with you in person or by a video link.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Radcliffe, Mrs A. Jones & Mrs Rowsell

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