

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2 2022

The final term of Year 6 at Gallions has arrived! Even though SATs are now behind us (and we are very proud of the effort and energy all of the students had in that week) there are still plenty of things that we will be preparing for and working towards. Just to name a few: our final end of year dance and drama performance, writing the leavers' books and rehearsing for their graduation ceremony. In addition to these, Year 6 will also be preparing for secondary transitions, creating and executing a restaurant to raise money for charity and putting the finishing touches on their writing portfolios (some of which are already looking amazing). So, a very busy term indeed!

- Mr Young (Y6 team leader)

Art

In art, we are completing a project inspired by British- Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare, whose work shows the cross sections of influence between European and African cultures. We will be creating a waxwork relief drawing influence from African fabrics.

Computing

We are learning how to program our own mini computers called Crumbles which will hopefully be used to create a theme park ride out of scrap materials that we build ourselves, personally I am very excited about this.

Physical Education (P.E.)

P.E. lessons are once a week now and we will be participating in Athletics. This is a good chance for us to practise ahead of the annual Gallions Sports Day. We also hope to have a session playing each of the sports we have learned over the year!

Maths

This half term we are focussing on preparing students for secondary school by engaging in different, team based problem solving activities. We will also be ensuring that they have secure knowledge of shape, ratio, data and averages: some of the trickier elements of the Year 6 curriculum ahead of the challenge of secondary school.

English

In our English lessons we are finishing off writing essays on the environment and how humans can best prevent the collapse of ecosystems. We have been very impressed with their passion and knowledge so far in this area. We will also be reading Grimm's Fairy Tales and they will be writing their own dark fairy tale drawing on all of their writing skills throughout the year.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 6!

Week 3 - Monday 20th June KS2 Sports Day

Week 4 - Friday 1st July Year 6 Strings Concert
Geography Bee

Week 6 - Wednesday 13th July Production Performance 4pm
Thursday 14th July Summer Music Concert 2pm

Week 7 - Monday 18th July Gallions Got Talent in the morning

Tuesday 19th July Year 6 Graduation 10am

Holidays start Wednesday 20th July.

Uniform update

Tuesday = Dance and Drama - wear blacks.

Wednesday = P.E. - wear full P.E. kit

Full school uniform is expected Monday, Thursday and Friday.

What has been the best part of Year 6 so far?

Clara - I loved the overnight trips because you have an experience of living away from home.

Abubakr- Wales was the best experience I have ever had because it felt dangerous and risky.

Scarlett- Jetty jumping in Wales: I was so afraid but Ms Naylor and the Outward Bound staff encouraged me and I conquered my fear!

Vlad - Finishing the SATs was a huge relief and it wasn't as hard as I thought.

Maleeha - Now: because we have finished SATs, lessons are a lot more fun and we get to do a lot of cool things.

Abraham- Our trip to Wales was the best because we went on different adventures.

SATs Week

SATs Week last term began with some slightly stressed, slightly worried faces which quickly relaxed into easy smiles. As our Year 6 pupils realised that they were well- prepared for the tests their fears subsided and I dare say that many even enjoyed the challenge and energy that SATs week brings. Each day began with breakfast and a daily mile before the tests to work out any anxiety and get brains into the right state before the tests. The students performed very impressively and have done themselves and the school proud. Well done Year 6!