

Welcome to the Summer Term 2022 and your child's final term of primary school education! We are very excited and proud to be guiding the children through this term and we hope that are all raring to go. This is an important term for them as they complete their time at Great Totham and begin preparing for transition to their secondary schools. As you will be aware, the SATs tests are fast approaching and we have everything in place to ensure your children have the best possible experience of them. Following the SATs, we have lots of exciting activities planned that the Year 6 children will be a big part of including: our end of year production, sports day, bikeability, the summer fete and a trip to Crucial Crew. As the term draws to a close, we will enjoy looking back with the children, reflecting on their memories of their time spent here and celebrating all that they have achieved culminating in our leavers' assembly.

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### **Homework**

Leading up to the SATs, the children will be set problem solving maths questions and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) style questions for English. This will be given to them in paper form on the Monday and will be due in by Friday morning so that we can go through the answers together.

Post SATs, maths will continue to be set on MyMaths and English will be set on Google Classrooms. This will revert back to being set on a Monday to be turned in by the Sunday evening.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Swimming  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Bank holiday  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Not Only the Sponsored Walk  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May: SATs week  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Bikeability  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Platinum Jubilee week.  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Half Term  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: INSET day  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Bouncy Bonanza  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day (pm)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Crucial Crew (pm)

### English

Throughout this term, the children will be given plenty of opportunities to write and to use all of the skills and techniques that they have learnt over the past 7 years. A lot of this writing will be personal as the children will get to write about their time here at Great Totham, their personal interests and hobbies and their aspirations for the future. They will also write two narratives. One will be based around shadows, which links to our science, and another linked to a beautiful short video called The Piano. As well as this, we will be writing a biography of an influential female musician (with the children being given a bit of freedom as to who to write about) and an information text on Fairtrade.

We will still be encouraging a love of reading and will introduce new literature to the children throughout English lessons as well as through other areas of the curriculum. Please continue to support your child's reading at home. We will discuss books and other texts as well as still sharing books.

### Topic: Trading places

Our topic for this term, Trade, is Geography based. To set the scene, the children will become 'traders' and experience the problems faced when they are able to deal with some parties but not others and how this can affect the decisions which have to be made. This will help give a basic introduction to what trade is. We will then move on to look at how trade has changed over the years by comparing the 15th to 18th century trade to what it is today. It will be through this that we will take a closer look at the slave trade and how this event has hugely impacted today's society. Mainly focussing on the UK, the children will learn about raw materials and the terms imports and exports. We have also invited some key members of the Tiptree Jam Factory for the children to interview so that they can discover just how far their jam is shipped. Finally, we will look at Fairtrade and how all of this affects our carbon footprint. Key understanding of longitude, latitude, hemispheres and the tropics will also be recapped.

### Life Skills

This important element is a key part of our Summer Term. The children will learn more about what affects their own and others' well-being, particularly through understanding more about how to identify and manage healthy relationships, including those on-line. Some further work on discrimination and stereotypes will also be included. Our RSE (relationships, and sex education) curriculum continues—a separate letter will provide more information in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please come and ask us. A vital part of preparing the children for secondary transition is developing their understanding of the changing responsibility they will face (such as travelling to and from school) and how to manage this. In addition, they will learn more about rules and laws (including those related to their online use) and how these are created. They will find out how resources are distributed and paid for.

### Maths

Maths this term will begin with lots of revision in preparation for the SATs and we will revisit everything taught since September. After the SATs, we will be exploring maths through our Life Skills and introduce the children to budgeting through real life scenarios such as picking a career, buying a house and learning more about adulthood to understand personal finances associated with this. We will also take a further look at scaling and will be drawing larger or smaller version of famous paintings. We will also use the Summer Fete as a way to get children to think about profits and losses.

### Science

Starting by investigating how light travels and how shadows are formed, the children will develop their understanding of how to carry out fair tests. They will also learn about the eye and how we see things. After revising their previous learning about electricity, the children will explore voltage, resistance and Earth. They will further develop their investigative skills and use recognised symbols in circuit diagrams.

## RE

This term, the children will develop their understanding of Rites of Passage and how these are celebrated in different religions. This will also link to their Life Skills work and their transition to secondary school.

## DT

The focus this term is on bunting. The children will learn about the history and use of bunting before exploring different stitches and learning how to join material using applique to create their own triangular piece of bunting which will be a feature on their fete stalls.

## Music

The theme for this unit is identity, initially exploring and appraising the work of women in music by finding out what inspires the women's compositions. Then, the children will explore how to show their own identity through music. They will learn how to write lyrics and compose a simple melody. They may even be able to rap!

## Computing

The start of the summer term will be a thorough review of e-safety, focussing particularly on content (what is available) contact (permissions, online friends, messaging etc.) and conduct (how you present yourself online). The children will have the opportunity to create their own 'e-safety booklet. They will consider some of the ways their online presence may change as they move to secondary school, for example having more accessibility to online content. They will have the chance to create their own model 'wiki' pages too, improving their manipulation of text and images and learning how to insert links between documents.

## PE

We will begin the summer term by developing the children's athletic skills. This will include: refining hurdling technique over long distances, high jumping using the scissor kick action, improving long jump by incorporating a run up and learning how to throw like a shot-putter or discus thrower.

Cricket will be another focus area, with the children improving and developing their skills of shot technique and direction, making appropriate choices in game-play situations, bowling accuracy and effective fielding, and the use of appropriate tactics. We will be lucky enough to have a qualified cricket coach with us to develop cricket skills.

Swimming will once again be returning to Great Totham which we are very excited about. Running alongside this will be the weekly mile for anybody not attending swimming after half term. Towards the latter end of the term, the children will be able to test their map reading skills by orienteering around the premises.

## Art

Building on their skills of working with clay (coil and pinch pots), the children will learn how to make slab pots. Linking back to our work on Greek art, the children will learn how to draw people in proportion. They will have the opportunity to further develop their sketching techniques by showing increasing levels of tone and texture.

## French

The children will continue to develop their understanding of reading, saying and writing the time in French. They will also have the opportunity to revise some key vocabulary and phrases taught throughout KS2.

