



Old Palace Year 6 Newsletter Summer 2

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Year 5 Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	Computing	DT	RE	PE
Suspense Stories	Data Handling	Get Me out of Here	Google Sites	Wood	Art and Charity	Badminton
Shakespeare	Problem Solving		Music			
			Guitar Keyboard			

Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

Keeping Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents for your support in following the safety procedures. Please continue to follow the guidance including carrying out twice weekly tests at home. Home testing kits for families with primary school children are available at most chemists and can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). Remember these kits are only for use when family members have **NO** symptoms. If you or anyone in your household have symptoms **everyone** in the household must self-isolate immediately and must book a PCR test by calling NHS 119 or by visiting [book a pcr test](#).

Please also remember that children should not be mixing outside of school. If you are making use of external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your children, it is important that they limit the amount of providers/ setting you are using, ideally limiting this to just one, to help minimize the number of people your child is coming into contact with. Parents should also check that the provider has in place their own protective measures in line with government guidance. Please see this link to [guidance for parents](#). The school is taking great care to limit contacts within school time, please do not undermine this by allowing children from different households or bubbles to mix out of school.

Trips

Should restrictions continue be lifted we intend to take the children to Thriftwood in Brentwood as part of their end of year trip. Activities they will participate in will be: Postman's walk, Cresta Run, Climbing and Laser Tag. This trip including transport will be paid for by the school. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in sailing and Orienteering activities in Fairlop Waters this half term as part of their Topic unit.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming to school on June 11th. Please ensure your child will be in full school uniform. Siblings will have their photograph taken together.

New Covid Roadmap

As of the 17th May, the current government guidance states the following:



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet with you like outdoors



Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.



- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.



Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.



We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.



Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

The government will potentially announce further changes around the 21st June

For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

e-safety

As children are using digital devices to access information and complete their homework, please remember to ensure they are using them safely. For tips and advice on how to do this click [here](#) for a simple guide.

It covers the use of social media (for children 13 years and over), risks of online gaming, and use of parental controls.

School uniform

As the weather heats up, please help us to keep the children hydrated by providing them with a bottle of water (not frozen) to bring to school each morning, a sun hat/sun glasses and if required apply sunscreen before they come to school. If you are unsure about Summer school uniform, examples including photographs can be found on our school website. We understand that many children will prefer to wear sandals at this time, these should be **plain** and need to be **sturdy with a top and back strap** to avoid accidents caused by them breaking or slipping off. When wearing open sandals, ankle **socks must also be worn**, so the child's feet are not bare. When children are not wearing sandals, please ensure they are wearing black shoes (not



Maths

This half term, the year 6 children will be focussing on problem solving. They will be using a wide range of mathematical skills to solve tricky problems in groups and independently. To have a go at some problem solving activities at home follow this link: <https://nrich.maths.org/>

Vocabulary

Every day, Year 6 have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, by taking part in 'Word of the Day'. Below are the words they will be looking at this half term. Help your child to use these words and to check they understand what they mean

Summer 2	Week 1	fundamental	dubious	inconspicuous	arduous
Summer 2	Week 2	perspective	surreptitious	innocuous	assiduous
Summer 2	Week 3	discretion	telepathic	latter	assunder
Summer 2	Week 4	acknowledge	whimsical	liable	belligerent
Summer 2	Week 5	incorporate	ascertain	liberty	brusque
Summer 2	Week 6	abstract	bombard	malady	comrade

Spellings

Each week the children are given spellings to access on Google Classroom. It is important to not only spell them correctly, but to practice using these words in context. Please support your child at home when they are practicing by asking them to use the spelling words in a sentence for you.

Reading

This half term the children will be reading *Coraline*, a fantastically wonderful suspense story by Neil Gaiman. Please ensure they read the set chapters when they take their books home on Friday in addition to their library book.

After school clubs

We are in the process of sorting out after school clubs for this half term. We will be writing to you shortly with the details of these. Please reply back to the letter if you would like your child to attend a club.

Summer Fete

The annual Summer Fete will be on Friday 16th July 2021 . However due to COVID, there will be restrictions in place. Should you have any queries, please look out for an invite for a zoom coffee morning where these can be answered.

Topic

This half term, Year 6 will be learning all about the Geography of the UK for their Topic **Get Me Out of Here**. This unit will allow the children to find out about and explore the UK. They will explore all 4 countries of the UK including important Topographical features, landmarks and culture. This unit will help to develop a range of map skills, as well as allow the children the opportunity to research and discover the wonders of the UK for themselves

RE

The children will be continuing with their unit '**Art and Charity**' where they will learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life, religious charities and organisations and about art and architecture from the Islamic faith. The children will also produce Islamic art tiles as part of their Art unit.

Homework

Year 6 will receive homework via Google Classroom. These will be uploaded every Friday they are expected to complete the following:

- Arithmetic
- Grammar
- Maths

These need to be submitted every Wednesday.

Half Termly Sheets

Don't forget you can check out our school website to find out about what your child will be learning, use the 'subject for half term' area where you will find useful prompts to ask your children what they have been learning.

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/subjects/>

Healthy Living Week and Sports Day

In **week beginning 12th July**, we will hold our annual Healthy living week. This will be a sequence of activities pupils take part in, which involves them learning and understanding the importance of a healthy life style. The week will also include sporting activities, where pupils take part in competitive games. Pupils will be divided between 4 teams to compete in various sports games.

KS2 sports day held at Three Mills Field. The winning team will be announced before the end of term. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

