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6TM Summer 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

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. As well as continuing to work on the core subjects and preparing the children for secondary school, we have a number of activities planned such as the production, sports days (participating in and helping with), transition days, Year 6 summer stalls, a BBQ/water fight day and of course their leavers assembly to prepare for.

Transition days

All pupils will have a transition day to their secondary school during this half term. The date for transition to Cowes, Medina, Christ the King and Ryde is the 9th of July. Transition day at the Island Free School is the 10th of July. Please make sure that you discuss with your child how they will get to their secondary school for this day as we will not be expecting them to attend Queensgate.

Maths

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to develop the key skills the children will need for Secondary 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. This will also tie in with the Year 6 Summer Stalls enterprise project.

English

All our English work will be focused on the key objectives the children need to help them transition well to secondary school.

Topic

In topic we will be learning about the Maya Civilisation. The first lessons explore who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful. We will then move on to discovering how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made, especially in farming. The unit finishes with a comparison between the Ancient Maya Civilisation and Anglo-Saxon Britain, with a focus on the similarities and differences between the Maya City States and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms; drawing on the archaeological evidence available to us.

Science

We will be continuing our work on the circulatory system. We will also look at the effects of exercise on our bodies and why we need to have a balanced healthy diet.

PE Lessons

PE lessons will be outside this half term and children need to come to school in their PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays. 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.

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PSHE/RSE

The department for Education recommends that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and - drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born. Therefore, our topic this term is growing, changing and respectful relationships. This is an age appropriate programme of study to support children's ongoing emotional and physical development. In addition to conception and birth, it will include the changing adolescent body (body hair, male and female reproductive organs, menstrual wellbeing and key facts relating to the menstrual cycle). If you have any concerns about this or would like more information please feel free to contact me through the school office or email 6tm@queensgateprimary.co.uk.

Production - I'm an 11-Year-Old - Get Me Out of Here.

This year we are putting on a production as a year group. The children have already started work on this and are preparing to present it to parents on the evening of Monday 15th July and the afternoon of the Tuesday 16th July. More details will be sent via text message about how to get tickets for the show.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mr Gwilliam and Mrs Wiper