



30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I can't quite believe we are now into the summer term, and the final few months of your child's time at our school!

I am writing this letter to keep you informed of some of the activities we will be undertaking before the end of the school year.

In Maths, we are currently revising, ahead of completing one final set of assessment papers which will inform my 'teacher assessment' of each child this year in the subject as the formal 'End of Key Stage Two Tests' were cancelled back in January.

This is also true in the three assessed areas of English: reading, writing and grammar, punctuation and spelling (SPaG). The work being completed over the coming weeks is all designed to prepare the children for any assessments I give the children. We have started reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which the children are enjoying.

In French, our topic will be 'Family'. We will be studying 'Ancient Greece' in history. A combination of human and environmental geography based around 'Sao Paulo' in Brazil is forming our work in this subject. The children will have the opportunity to do some composing in music. We will be looking at healthy lifestyles in PSHE, and our science work will focus on 'Evolution and Inheritance' and 'Animals – including humans'. We will study the artwork of Francisco de Goya. Please see the jigsaw for more details.

Year Six will also cover some work on puberty. I will send home a link so you can view some of the materials we will be using in class ahead of the sessions.

In lieu of there being no Junior Citizenship this year, I am going to complete a series of activities based on what they would cover during their hour at the fire station. This will include how to escape a fire, what to do in an emergency, stranger danger, quicksand awareness, rail safety, anti-social behaviour, etc.

We certainly plan to hold a 'School Games Day' (Sports Day). There will be a few changes, and ours will run in conjunction with Year 5. We hope to be able to invite you to this later on in the year. I see no reason why 'Top Boy' and 'Top Girl' cannot be run as normal.

I also hope to take the children on a visit to the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway for a ride on a steam train and a behind the scenes tour, followed by a cruise on Lake Windermere. More details to follow.

I have one or two other ideas too, and I will let you know of these once they are confirmed.

We are determined to make the last couple of months at primary school both memorable and enjoyable for all the children.

We are receiving quotes for Leavers' hoodies- more details to follow next week.

I would very much like to have a Leavers' meal with the class. This should be possible in a 'private room' or outside, but - as with all the activities mentioned above - it will be subject to the current circumstances at the time.

Mrs. Thornton is going to come in to do some Taekwondo with Year Six. This is always brilliant, and some of you might not know that she has represented Great Britain at this sport in the Commonwealth Games and won a medal.

I simply don't know what is going to happen with transition this year. When I know, I'll let you all know.

I look forward to speaking to you all on the phone next week.

Thank you.

All Best Wishes,

Stephen Cairns