



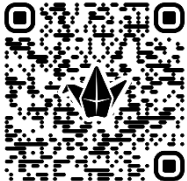
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Term Ahead: August 2026 - Primary 6

Dear Families,

Welcome Back, I hope you had a lovely summer! We are looking forward to getting to know you this year so please come across and say hello! We hope that you'll find the information below useful.

Literacy and English Our strong focus in literacy is on fostering a love of books and reading in our children. We are working to develop vocabulary, comprehension skills, and the ability to discuss characters, events, and themes in stories. As part of our 'We Love Reading' work, we will be completing a book topic on <i>Varjak Paw</i> by S.F. Said. This text explores important themes such as bravery, friendship, and self-belief, which we will be discussing in class. We will also be learning to write recounts of an event as part of our Space Topic, and our grammar lessons will link to this, covering tenses, speech, and punctuation. Our spelling work will concentrate on revising sounds from last year and some tricky words. You can find the spelling words alongside the homework grid.	Numeracy and Mathematics In numeracy, we are securing and extending our understanding of place value of numbers up to 1 million. We are moving on to rounding these numbers as well as being able to mentally find 100, 1000 and 10 000 more or less. Later on in the term, we will be using our knowledge of place value to support addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Problem solving will be an integral part of our work and we are working hard to decide what part of a problem needs to be tackled first and whether one answer is enough to prove our ideas. During outdoor learning we will explore angles, symmetry and transformation. This will support the learning which will take place after the October Break.
Learning Across the Curriculum This term P6 have chosen to learn about Space. Through this Space Topic we will be learning about the work of scientists, exploring how the Mars Rover helps us investigate other worlds, comparing different planets in our solar system, understanding how satellites support life on Earth, and discovering the historic Apollo 11 mission that first landed humans on the Moon. As part of the Empowered Learning programme, we will be learning how to use technology safely. This will also compliment and extend the learning taking place in class. Health and wellbeing lessons will be using the national resource for relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP). We will be looking at Making and keeping friends, staying safe online, bullying and being fair. We have already explored the UN Rights of the Child and used this to establish class routines and expectations.	Administration P.E: will take place on Tuesdays with our PE specialist Mr Murray. Outdoor Learning: will take place on Thursdays in our woods. Children must come to school in appropriate clothing with waterproof coats and footwear. Homework Grid: Please look at the homework grid to find activities which will support the learning taking place in class. Padlet: <i>For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below.</i> 

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.
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