



Guide To Summer 2

2019

Our curriculum at Summerlea is creative and designed to forge links between the different areas of learning. Each topic we study is led by a driving question to get us thinking. We have listed the main curriculum areas that will be addressed by each question and have given a brief outline of what we will be learning.

This term our driving question will be...

Aspiration: Is beauty only skin deep?

Performing Arts:

The buzz of excitement is building in year 6 as we start to get our heads around the mammoth task of putting on our show: Beauty and the Beast Jr. This term we will be busy learning songs, choreographing and rehearsing dance numbers, practicing lines, building sets and props, creating marketing materials and much more! Children will learn how to control their voices, and manipulate the feelings and reactions of an audience through their own performance on stage. This is a superb opportunity that will encourage children to push themselves! Keep an eye on the Production section of the Summerlea website (under News and Events) for rehearsal materials.

The production dates are as follows:

Tuesday 9th July at 6:30pm

Wednesday 10th July at 6:30pm

Thursday 11th July at 6:30pm

English: This half term, we will be considering the Year 6 residential trip as next year we may be planning some changes being a bulge year of 90 children! We are asking the children for help in designing the perfect trip: the activities, accommodation and in some cases, the most important factor - food! They will produce leaflets detailing what they believe should be included.

Children will also be considering the question is beauty only skin deep when looking at traditionally 'ugly' animals and researching the beauty which may be well hidden! Can the children convince us that a goliath bird-eating spider or a naked mole rat, really are beautiful? The children will choose their animal to research and how they wish to present their information.

PSHCE: Children will complete their sex and relationship education this half term. We will also be discussing body image and stereotypes that the media portrays with regards to beauty. We will be considering what beauty is and how it can differ around the world.

Maths: We will be using this half term to re-visit some of the trickier mathematical concepts that we have faced throughout year 6. The children will have the opportunity to look back over learning that they found particularly challenging, with the aim of consolidating understanding. The children will also be taking on a maths project, which will require them to apply a wide range of skills from the year. Project work provides a real context to the skills that we have been working so hard to master all year, and children usually enjoy seeing how various areas of maths are useful in the real world!

Year 6 news and information

The team:

Mr Anderson (Cherry Class Teacher and Upper KS2 Phase Leader)

Mrs Tedbury (Elder Class Teacher- Monday and Tuesday)

Mrs Kerrison-Pierce (Elder Class Teacher- Wednesday-Friday)

Mrs Mills and Mrs Partridge (Learning Support Assistants)

Beauty and the Beast Updates:

Rehearsals:

Now that SATs and residential week are in the past, we will be dedicating time to floor-rehearsals. This will involve working in groups and as a whole year group in the hall, and in other available spaces to start acting out scenes and putting together dance numbers. We are lucky enough to be welcoming back 'Kim the Gym' and 'Debbie Dance' who will be working with the children most Mondays and Fridays between now and opening night.

Costumes:

We are hiring the majority of costumes this year but we will be asking for a few easy to source costumes for extra parts your child may have been given. Please look out for letters coming home about this and please don't hesitate to ask us if you are having any difficulties.

Scripts:

Some children have now been given a full script for the show. These have been purchased, along with the official rights, from the fundraising pot of last year's show. We ask that you help your child to look after their script carefully, as we will need to have them back after show week. Children may use pencil to make notes in their script if they wish, but we ask that they do not use pen or highlighters. We are encouraging children to be 'off scripts' by Monday 17th June; the idea being that we should all be able to memorise all lines and lyrics by this date.

Dates for the Diary (some of these may be subject to change):

- **Top-Up Swimming (not for all children):**
Every Tuesday from 4th June to 18th July
- **Sports Day:** Wednesday 19th June (**Reserve** Friday 21st June)
- **Changeover (transition) Day:** Wednesday 3rd July
- **Beauty and the Beast Dress Rehearsal:** **SATURDAY 7th July** (This is not compulsory attendance – a letter will follow with further details)
- **Beauty and the Beast Show Nights:**
Tuesday 9th July at 6:30pm
Wednesday 10th July at 6:30pm
Thursday 11th July at 6:30pm
- **Celebration of Learning:** Wednesday 17th July (2:30pm)
- **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly:** Tuesday 23rd July (2pm)

PE Days:

We ask that your child has their PE kit in school every day as there may be unforeseen timetable changes or additional activities planned. Especially with rehearsals for Mary Poppins, we will be taking all opportunities to squeeze in additional dance practice. Please ensure kit comes straight back into school if children take it home after a sports club.

Coats/snacks/drinks and equipment:

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for hot weather. We ask that every child has a water bottle in school, and that break time snacks are put in the class box as soon as they come in in the morning. Please also ensure your child has a hat and sun cream on hot days.

Preview/review

At the beginning of each half term we would also like to invite your child to reflect on previous learning and look forward to new learning.

*Last half term your big question was
Have you got what it takes?*

What did you learn?

*This half term our big question is
Is beauty only skin deep?*

What do you already know?