



Dear Parents and Carers,

We all wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year. We look forward to welcoming all of the children back in September in their new uniform ready for a new year of learning.

Year 6 have now said their final goodbyes, they have had a great year, did their best in their SATs and are now very ready to start the next part of their school lives. We will miss you Year 6!

This half term

This half term, all of the children enjoyed a visit from Lion Learners and learned a lot about all the animals that she brought to meet us. We also all learnt about how to be Road Aware and Year 3s went on a local walk to practise being a safe pedestrian. Our wonderful Rock Steady rock bands also had their first ever concert, they were all so confident performing in front of an audience and have made such good progress in such a short period of time!

Here's what we have been getting up to in each class this term:

Reception

This half term our topic has been 'Look at me now!', in which we have been reflecting on how much we have learnt and grown this year in Reception. Our role play corner has had an 'under the sea' theme and we have been learning about the ocean, our planet and how we can look after it. Our Drawing Club books, tales and animations have included Popeye, The Night Pirates and The Princess and the Pea. Our writing has been absolutely amazing and Miss Wright is so proud of how far we have come. Our highlight has been our school trip to Ilkley River where we paddled, met lots of baby ducklings and had a fabulous time with the parachute in the park!



Year 1 and 2

This half term has been all about meerkats! We have really enjoyed our class text - Meerkat Mail - and used this to write diary entries, postcards and fact files about our favourite animal. We have also enjoyed watching the short animation, Catch it! This is about a group of very funny meerkats in the desert. The class have used their creative skills and knowledge to design brilliant habitats for these animals.

Other favourite activities have included: our informative workshop about Road Safety, our PE lessons where Mr Snowden commented on our brilliant team work, Sports Day, learning about time in Maths - although we can still find this tricky so please help us at home when you can and using Scratch Junior in computing.

We have been so impressed with all the extra reading the class have been completing at home - thank you so much for all your support, it has been lovely to see. Well done Year 1/2 - we are so proud of you!



Year 3 and 4

This half term our History topic has been the Anglo-Saxons and we visited the Royal Armouries in Leeds on a school trip. We took part in 2 workshops, an archaeological dig and a reenactment of the story of Beowulf. We had an amazing day!



We also enjoyed a visit from Lion Learners and we held a variety of animals and learned about how to care for them.

Year 3/4 were very lucky to take part in an online event with the author Cressida Cowell who is the author of our current reading text 'How To Train Your Dragon'. We listened to Cressida explaining how she was inspired to write the book and we saw her beautiful illustrations.

Year 5 and 6

Year 5/6 have had a super summer term. Year 6 have enjoyed their forest school sessions - learning to light fires, make plantain balm and create natural art.

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to STEM Fest in Bradford, where they engaged in a variety of engineering and technology workshops. In Science, we have been learning about asteroids and investigating the link between asteroid size and crater diameter and in Design Technology we designed and built 3D playground structures.

We have had visits in school from our local PCSO and Step2 Charity, teaching the children about the dangers of vaping and knife crime.

All of the children have had successful transition visits and Year 6 did a fantastic job in their leavers show.



Our Learning Next Half Term

	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Book focus	In Every House, On Every Street I Am Quiet		The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith Leon and the Place Between The Station Cat	The Boy at the Back of the Class The Tin Forest The Highwayman
Maths	Mastering number (place value within 5)	Place Value (Within 20) Addition & Subtraction	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Place Value Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division
Art/ DT	Cooking and Nutrition - Smoothies		Drawing: Power Prints	Drawing: Make my voice heard
Science	Sensitive Bodies - Our senses		Lights and Shadows	Unbalanced forces
Geography /History	Where am I?		Who lives in Antarctica?	Why do oceans matter?

Key Dates for next half term:

Event	Date	Time	Year Group (s)	Parents Involved
First day back at school	Weds 3rd Sept	8.40am	R-6	
Forest School	Every Weds until Half Term	Afternoon	Y3 (3rd Sept - 1st Oct) Y6 (8th Oct - 12th Nov)	
Kanga Sports After School Club	Every Thurs starting 11th September	3.10 - 4.15	All children	
Stay and Play	Weds 24th Sept	9 - 10	Reception	Yes

Phonics Demo	Weds 1st October	9 - 10	Year 1	Yes
Times Tables Showcase	Weds 8th October	9 - 10	Year 4	Yes
OPAL Play day	Friday 10th October	All day	All children	
School Photos - Individual, Siblings and Class photos	Weds 22nd October	All day	R-6	

Uniform

From September we will have our new uniform with a navy blue jumper.

Please can we remind all parents that children should wear school uniform at all times, this includes school PE kit on Thursdays. We have seen an increase in trainers being worn on non PE days, crocs/ sandals being worn instead of school shoes and branded items being worn for PE. In addition to this no jewellery other than a single ear stud should be worn and any studs that cannot be taken out will need to be covered by plasters in PE lessons. Any jewellery other than this will be looked after by class teachers and returned to parents at the end of the day.

Swimming

Next academic year, Year 4 will not be going swimming. The National Curriculum requires all children to learn to swim by the time they leave Primary School. We will be providing this in the following academic year by taking more than one year group at a time which is more staff and transport efficient.

Items brought from home

From September please can you ensure that children are not bringing in items from home other than a water bottle/ packed lunch and bag with their reading book in, any toys or pencil cases will be looked after by class teachers and returned to parents at the end of the day.

All children have now brought home a brand new book bag with our new logo on. We would like to encourage all children to bring these every day as their main bag. We have really small cloakroom areas in most classrooms and a number of children have been bringing really large back packs with unnecessary things in them. Wherever possible please can large bags not be brought and just book bags.

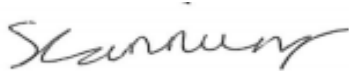
Year 5 and 6 children can continue to bring mobile phones to school if they walk or get the bus but these must be handed in as soon as they arrive in school and turned off until home time.

Communication

Class Dojo will not be monitored over the holidays. If you have any urgent questions please email the school office at office@lps.paymat.org and we will aim to reply but please be aware that our office staff are not contracted to work over the summer holidays.

Thank you again for your continued support, we hope you all have a lovely 6 weeks and can't wait to see you all again in September.

Kinds Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Stephanie Canning
Head of School