



Year 6 – Summer Term

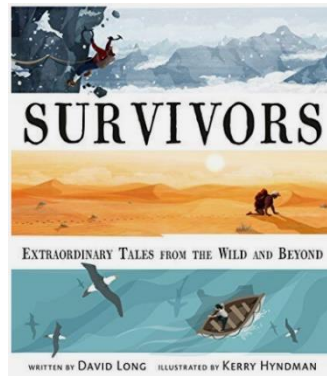
Welcome back to school, I hope you had a brilliant Easter holiday. I can't believe we are already in Summer term and the children are coming to the end of their time at Gillibrand Primary School! We have another brilliant term planned for the children. Please remember to look at the latest news and photographs on our website <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> to find out what we get up to in Year 6!

Important Dates:

- Monday 15th April** – SCARF PSHE Workshops
- Tuesday 30th April** - Rock Kidz Day (dress up as Rock Star)
- Friday 3rd May** – Kooth Pre SATs Mental Health Workshop
- Monday 6th May** – BANK Holiday Monday (school closed)
- Week beginning 13th May** – SATs Week
- Friday 17th May** – End of SATs party!
- Monday 20th May** – Computer Aided Design Workshop
- Tuesday 21st May** – Y5 & Y6 Slavery Museum Trip
- Wednesday 22nd May** – End of year play auditions
- Tuesday 4th June** – Buddhist Temple Visit
- Tuesday 11th June** – Class photographs
- Week beginning 17th June** – Sports Week
- Thursday 20th June** - RSE Parents Meeting (3:30pm)
- Thursday 27th June** – RSE Workshop

English

This term in English, we will be studying a wide range of survival stories by the author David Long. These inspiring real-life events will be the inspiration for a variety of grammar and writing tasks. During this unit, the pupils will be writing formal letters, creating poetry and writing 'An Adventurer's Survival Guide'. Pupils will still have weekly spelling and grammar lessons with home tasks set on Spelling Shed weekly.



Important Dates continued:

- Wednesday 3rd July** – Parklands Transition Day
- Wednesday 10th July** – End of year production for parents (6:00pm)
- Friday 12th July** – Prefect Treat Day
- Wednesday 17th July** – Y6 Leaver's Assembly for parents (9:20am)
- Wednesday 17th July** – Y6 Leaver's Party @ Escape Chorley (4:00-6:00pm)
- Friday 19th July** – School finishes

Reading

Our whole class reading text this term is Survivors by David Long. During our study of this text, we will be discussing our thoughts, feelings and opinions of the characters and plot. In our comprehension focus we will be exploring a range of inference and explanation questions where the children will have to explain their answer in detail and use evidence from

Maths

We will begin the term developing our understanding shape and statistics. In this unit, we will be learning how to find the perimeter and area of a range of shapes; finding the volume of 3D shapes; developing our understanding of angles being able to draw shapes with given angles and solve problems involving angles. We will also be studying how to read graphs including pie charts.

Please also look out for revision assignments on maths.co.uk. Your child has been sent home with a username and password.

Every week, pupils will also complete 38 arithmetic questions in 30 minutes to revise topics covered in the spring term. Look out for extra dojo points for your child's progress and achievement in this.

Science

In science, we will be learning about the vital parts of our circulatory system which includes the heart, lungs, blood vessels and alveoli. We will learn about the role of the heart and work together to create a living model to show how blood travels through it. In addition to this, we'll be focussing on the important jobs of the blood and blood vessels. We will also experiment the effect of exercise on our hearts.

Computing

This term we are going to focus upon coding using Scratch to create and complete their own computer game.

History and Geography

We will be finishing off our history topic about the Transatlantic slave trade before moving on to learn about Ancient Greece. During this topic, we will be studying what early Greece was like with a focus on the Minoans being seen as an advanced civilisation. Comparisons will be made between Athen's and Sparta to today. We will also study some great achievements form this period in time (Olympics, buildings, philosophy, medicine, democracy).

Our geography will support our learning of this topic by studying the physical and human geography of Greece and what the land would have looked like and what it is like today.

PSHE

This term, we will be looking at the topic 'Growing and Changing.' The key areas of learning will be the pupils understand the changes that will happen to them and how peer pressure and social media can affect how they think about themselves. An SRE session will also be led by the SCARF Team on **Thursday 27th June**. If you wish to find out more about this session and what resources will be used you are welcome to attend the meeting for parents on Thursday 20th June.

Art and DT

Cityscapes is our exciting topic this term. During this unit we will be studying a range of artists who create 3D, abstract, watercolour, silhouette and fun scenes based on famous cities from around the globe. The pupils will then create their own cityscape using inspiration and their own ideas. Watch out for these on our website next half term.

PE

This half-term, P.E will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** and the focus is athletics. We will be working on techniques to improve our running skills depending upon distance.

RE

We will explore the meaning of the journey of life through Buddhism with a specific focus on 'What do we mean by a good life?' They will study the 8 fold path and think about how it might help a Buddhist to live in a positive way.

French

Our topic this term is 'Les Vikings'. We will be learning the French vocabulary required to be able to describe our physical appearance and character

Music

This half term will see the children working on their listening and performing skills. We will be rehearsing songs for our end-of- year performance.