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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we are entering the final term for our current Year 6 cohort. In the course of the first few weeks, we will be finalising our preparation for SATs, which will commence on Monday 9th May. The summer term is incredibly busy due to the Summer Production, rounders and cricket fixtures, and workshops to support the children with their transition to secondary school. These workshops are aimed at addressing and alleviating any concerns the children might have and will be carried out as part of their PHSE work. In the second half of the summer term, we will deliver a series of sex education lessons under the topic of 'Changing Me'. Our science units link with this theme as we investigate life-cycles and growing up and growing old.

Our humanities topic for the term is called 'On Dangerous Ground' and will focus on volcanoes and earthquakes. We will look at how volcanoes are formed, the different types of volcano and where they are located in the world. Pupils will be able to research some of the most catastrophic natural disasters as well as learn about more recent volcanic and seismic activity. In Art, we explore the work of Warhol and Lichtenstein in order that the children can use these skills to produce their own Pop Art creation of a volcano.

Children will have a variety of opportunities to develop their free writing through studying different genres such as narratives, persuasive arguments, play-scripts and instructions. Pupils will learn to build tension within their stories, develop characterisation and use flashbacks to add interest. The work generated provides evidence for us to assess in line with the National Curriculum expectations. Our author focus for the term is William Shakespeare and we will be analysing two of his well-known plays: 'Macbeth' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. These will provide plenty of drama opportunities and children will be asked to compare and contrast these two plays.

For the first time in two years, we are excited to be able to announce that our intention is to put on a Summer Production, which will be a wonderful way to conclude the year.

We will be further consolidating the children's learning in maths through a series of problem-solving and investigative tasks. In addition, we will learn about Brahmagupta's multiplication method, Napier's Bones, binary numbers and the Fibonacci sequence.

In RE, we will be gaining a deeper insight into Pentecost, before moving onto the 'Kingdom of God', where we will consider whether Jesus came to Earth to get people into Heaven or made the world more like Heaven. Heron Class will be leading the KS2 Eucharist service in school on Thursday 5th May.

Of course, we have our PGL trip in May which we are really looking forward to. The children have an amazing time at Bawdsey Manor.

We thank you for your continued support. We will endeavour to make this a productive and enjoyable last term for the children.

Kind regards,

Miss Judd and Mrs Jessop



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