

Magic, mischief and mayhem!

Well, I don't know about you, but I certainly needed a rest after term 5! What with SATs and the excitement of PGL, we all needed a week off. However, now we are back, we are very excited to get stuck into our school production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, in which we will be exploring exciting aspects of our speaking and listening curriculum as we strive to perform with confidence and passion. We hope to have a great time creating the show in the coming weeks.

PSHEE and sex education: As part of our requirement in year 6 PSHEE, we will be having two special sessions this term to cover aspects of relationships and sexual reproduction. To deliver this, we use two approved DVD's which we will invite parents to come and preview before showing to the children. We will send letters out in the next few weeks to invite you to an informal meeting to discuss the content of these sessions.

Curriculum: In Maths we will be consolidating the skills learnt throughout the year by extending our thinking in the form of puzzles, investigations and problem solving, as well as ensuring the key skills needed for a smooth transition into year 7 are upheld. In writing, we will revisit some of the themes explored in the story of Phillippe Petit before focussing on the drama and poetry of Shakespeare as we learn soliloquies and rewrite sections of the play itself. In other learning, we will be using e books to recreate the story of Puck, Bottom, et al, using multi-media and our imaginations to re-imagine the tale. In art, we are exploring the exciting possibilities of using organic matter in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. We shall also be using wire and tissue to make frames for our magical creatures and other stage props. Science will be covered by a series of revision sessions of all the learning the children have undertaken in their school careers. In order to promote the new ELLI element of Independence we will be consulting the children about how we can guide the topic so that we can drive a curriculum in which they have had been given more ownership.

General information: Most of the usual routines are observed this term, so PE kits will need to be in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays as we try to better our performance in athletics and learn the skills associated with Rounders. We also hope to continue selling our Enterprise products at cake sales, so be aware that children may need to bring their products into school in order to do so.

Key dates: Track races -18/6, Sports Day – 22/6, Parent consultations - 3&4/7, Year 6 production – 11&12/7, Leavers service – 25/7