

Stag Class

This term is always one of the key parts of Year 6, as the children will be taking their **SATs** (assessments) between **13th – 16th May**. Some of you were able to attend the information meeting earlier in Year 6, but I will send the main details/reminders to you soon. Over the next few weeks, the children will spend time ensuring they are ready for the tests.

In **English**, we will be reading “The Explorer” by author Katherine Rundell, an exciting story about a group of young people stranded in the Amazon Rainforest. Stag class will be working on both fiction and non-fiction writing based on the text.

We will also be focusing on the pupils’ grammar and punctuation understanding this term; some of this is quite challenging and technical, but it supports the children’s reading and writing skills.

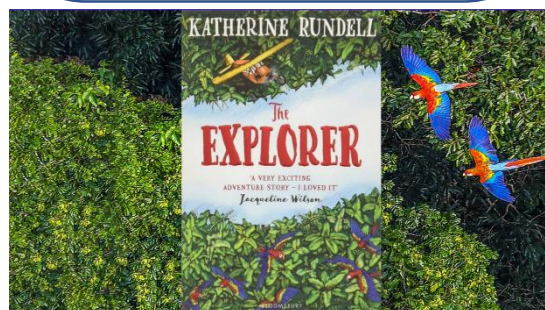
The children will be reading extracts from a range of genres, so that they are familiar with different styles of text and are able to understand them.

In **Theme** lessons, we are learning about the physical and human geography of South America – how the continent has many contrasting places and how it is different from where we live.

Links to Prior Learning

In **Maths** this term, we will be covering properties of shapes and co-ordinates. There will also be opportunities to revisit some of the concepts and strategies covered throughout KS2.

Our **Computing** will involve “Sensing Movement” through learning how to use micro:bits and connecting these to computers.



Summer 1 Welcome to the jungle

Mrs Slingsby will continue to teach **RE**, **PSHE** and **Music** to Stag class once a week. In **Art**, the plan is that Year 6 will have the opportunity to create some sculptures, starting with wire frames.

Our **PE** lessons will continue on Tuesday afternoons, where we will be developing our tennis skills. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us this term and we will be able to use the outside space for lessons.

Once we have completed SATs, the daily timetable will be organised slightly differently to allow the pupils more time to carry out a range of project and practical work in class.

Supporting your child:

Homework for the coming weeks will continue to focus on some of the key learning to help the children in their SATs. The children now have their own workbooks and will be set certain sections / pages to complete each week.

Two of the most worthwhile things the children can do at home are to read regularly, preferably with a range of different texts, and practising times tables (Times Tables Rock Stars) to be as confident and familiar with these as possible.

Dates for your diary:

Bank Holiday: **Monday 6th May**

Year 6 SATs: **13th – 16th May**

SRE meeting (Y6 parents): **5-6pm Thurs 23rd May**

End of term – **Friday 24th May**