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Preparatory School

Year 6 Newsletter: Summer, Week 6

What have we explored this week?

What a fantastic week it's been for Year 6! Our residential trip was a true highlight of the year, filled with unforgettable experiences and personal triumphs. The children showed incredible courage and teamwork as they tackled a series of adventurous activities. From soaring through the air on the zip wire to scaling heights for the abseil and leaping with confidence on the trapeze, it was a joy to see them overcome fears, support one another, and grow in confidence.

Back in the classroom, our learning has been just as exciting. In Science, we've continued our exploration of *light* and how the human eye enables us to see. The children have been fascinated by the way light travels and how our eyes and brain work together to interpret the world around us.

We've also launched our *enterprise project* this week, and the classroom has been buzzing with creativity and ambition. Each group has started designing their own business ideas, calculating costs and potential profits, and beginning to craft effective marketing plans. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as they take on the challenge of becoming young entrepreneurs.

Well done, Year 6 – you've shown determination, resilience, and a brilliant attitude both outside and inside the classroom!

Things to Remember

- Art Trip to The National Gallery: **Monday 2nd June** – afternoon. Normal drop-off and pick-up times apply. A packed lunch will be provided.

- Junior Citizenship Scheme afternoon at Craven Cottage: **Tuesday 3rd June** - afternoon. Normal drop-off and pick-up times apply.

- There will be a Book Look for all classes on **Wednesday 4th June at 8am**

- Photo day: **Friday 6th June**

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 6 will take place on **Tuesday 10th June**. Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.

- Parent performance of Matilda: **Friday 20th June 5pm-6pm.**

A note about PSHEE

To coincide with our PSHEE topic of 'Changing Me' over the next half term, we will also be discussing the NSPCC's Talk PANTS rules in our lessons. During these discussions we will aim to teach our children the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. These are the PANTS rules:

P: Privates are private.

A: Always remember your body belongs to you.

N: No means no.

T: Talk about secrets that upset you.

S: Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons empower children, in an age-appropriate way, to recognise their rights to their own bodies, say no to touch that is unwanted, and tell someone if they feel uncomfortable. The lessons include activities which help children understand:

- Appropriate and inappropriate touch
- Their right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- The names for parts of the body
- Who to turn to if they ever feel upset or worried

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at:
nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.