

DANES CLASS INFORMATION



Summer Term 2024



WELCOME

It is hard to believe that Year Six are now in their last term at primary school and that Year Five will be shortly entering their final year at Aston.

The children have worked really hard all year and should be proud of the progress that they are making. We now have only a couple of weeks until Year Six have their SATs (week beginning 13th May). During this important period, we need the children to sustain their focus and hard work in order to achieve their personal bests and results that they are proud of. Children generally enjoy the assessment week; they have been well-prepared and are eager to demonstrate their skills as well as enjoying happy, relaxed afternoons - hopefully in the sunshine!

There are, of course, many other events to look forward to as well this term (see dates list) - our summer production, sports day, off-site visits, visits to secondary schools and lots more. We certainly will be very busy with this action-packed term!

Mrs Branagan, Mrs Dean and Mrs Avis

YEAR SIX STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS (13TH - 16TH MAY)

Please make sure that your child has a break the weekend before testing, with plenty of time to relax. It is also important that they get to bed at a sensible time in order to ensure that they are not tired. Also, please make sure that they have time to eat a good breakfast before arriving in school.

The timetable for the week is as follows (all tests will be completed in the mornings):

Monday 13 th May	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May
English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.	English: Reading.	Maths: Paper 1 Arithmetic and Paper 2 Reasoning.	Maths: Paper 3 Reasoning.

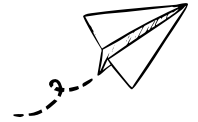


WEBSITE

Please see our class page on the school website to see our planned curriculum coverage, updates about our learning, etc :

<https://www.astonmarys.herts.sch.uk/danes-2/>

HOME LEARNING

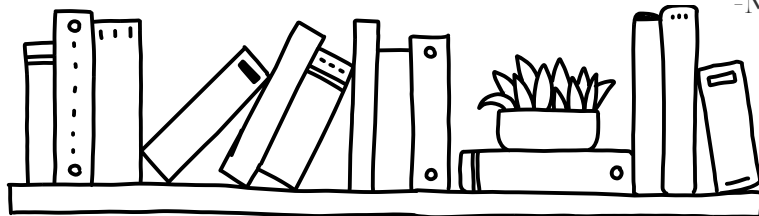


A key focus in Upper Key Stage Two is to ensure children are prepared as fully as possible for transition to secondary school. With this in mind, regular homework is set on different days with the expectation that all children organise their time to ensure that tasks are completed and submitted on time. Children should be encouraged to be as independent as possible in terms of organising themselves and ensuring all tasks are completed on time (though it is absolutely fine to support your child with their learning as appropriate)

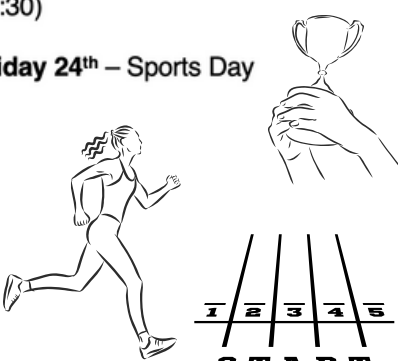


Curriculum Subject	Day Set	Due In
English	Monday	Friday
English (Grammar and Punctuation) Year 6 only.	Thursday (until SATs only)	Tuesday
Maths	Friday	Thursday
Reading	Daily (15-30 minutes)	
Spelling	Practise in Spelling Journal 3+ times a week (5-10 minutes)	
Times Tables Rock Stars	Wednesday	Wednesday
History/Geography/Science	Ideas sheet to be handed out and posted via Seesaw (optional for Year 6 this half term)	Any time before Wednesday 22 nd May

'Reading is a passport to countless adventures'

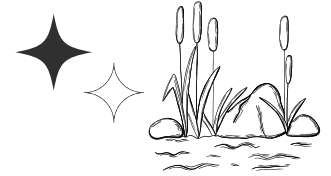
-Mary Pope Osborne



KEY DATES

May	June	July
<p>Monday 13th - Thursday 16th – Year 6 SATs</p> <p>Wednesday 15th - Danes Cookery Club (after school)</p> <p>Thursday 23rd – Open Morning (9:30-10:30)</p> <p>Friday 24th – Sports Day</p> 	<p>Monday 3rd - Friday 6th – Year 6 Bikeability.</p>  <p>Thursday 13th – Theatre trip (Mrs Doubtfire).</p>  <p>Wednesday 26th – Danes Cookery Club (after school).</p> <p>Thursday 27th – Class Photos.</p>	<p>Tuesday 2nd – Intervillage Sports.</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd – Year 6 visit to Hazard Alley.</p> <p>Thursday 11th – Changeover Day (Year 6 to secondary schools)</p> <p>Friday 12th – Reward Day</p> <p>Monday 15th – Dress Rehearsal (AM), Year 6 Leavers' Trip (PM).</p> <p>Tuesday 16th – Production (1:30pm and 6pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 17th – Production (6pm).</p> <p>Friday 19th – Year 6 Leavers' Service (9:30am), 1pm school term ends.</p>

CURRICULUM



In **Geography and History** this term, we will complete our learning about '**Rivers**' and then move onto our historical learning about '**Ancient Greece**'. Our work will also link to other curriculum areas.

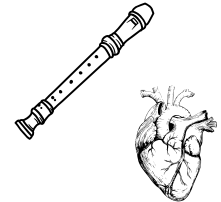
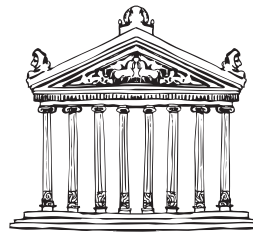
English: Texts will include Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide, A Midsummer Nights Dream and poetry.

Maths: Year Six revision in preparation for SATs. Proportional and Statistical Reasoning, Circles, Measures, Pattern and Arithmetic.

Science: The Human Circulatory System and Classification of Living Things (including Micro-organisms).

French: Olympics and Irregular Verbs.

Computing: Excel Spreadsheets.



RE: What would Jesus do? Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

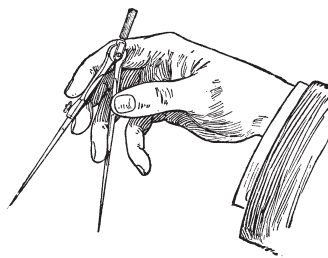
Music: Preparation for Summer production. Recorders and 'Who Knows' unit.

PSHE: Living in the Wider World 'One World' and 'Respecting Rights'.

Design Technology: Greek Meze.

Art: Circles - Kandinsky.

PE: Cricket, Athletics and Rounders.



EQUIPMENT



WATER BOTTLES

All children need to bring a named water bottle into school each day. They will keep these next to their table for use throughout the day. Please note, these should contain only water.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure appropriate kits are in school and items clearly labelled (this should include both shorts and long trousers). Trainers will be needed EVERY DAY for the 'Daily Mile'.