



# UPPER SCHOOL Summer 2

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. Now that we are back, there is lots to look forward to for Years 4, 5, and 6 this half-term! We are looking forward to our Sports Day at 9:30am on **Wednesday 24th June**. Your presence and enthusiastic support makes a huge difference, creating a memorable atmosphere that fosters a real sense of school community and pride in the children's achievements. Please feel free to attend wearing your child's house colours! Our reserve date in case of poor weather is the 8th July.

This half term we have our Year 4's open afternoon on **Tuesday 16th June** and Year 6's on **Wednesday 17th June** at **3:00pm**. Please note that parents should enter the school through the front office.

Our Year 5 and 6 residentials are just around the corner, marking a major highlight of the school year! Year 5 head to Longridge on June 25th, followed by Year 6's 3-day adventure at Woodrow starting July 14th. These trips offer students an unforgettable adventure filled with laughter, discovery, and growth. Looking ahead, we are aiming to offer even more residential opportunities next year for Years 4, 5 and 6, so please keep your eye out for further details coming soon!

The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check takes place this half term. With only six seconds to answer each question, quick "flash" sessions during breakfast or travel can help build essential recall speed. We recommend focusing on the 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables; try placing visual reminders on the fridge or mirrors to help your child master these trickier sets! Sleep is the most powerful revision tool your child has. Research shows that during deep sleep, the brain acts like a "save button," moving the day's learning into long-term memory.

## **Sleep prep in the run-up to exams**

<b>60 Mins Before Bed:</b>	Switch off tablets, phones, and TVs. The "blue light" from screens tricks the brain into thinking it's daytime, making it much harder to fall into a deep, restful sleep.
<b>45 Mins Before Bed:</b>	If your child is feeling nervous about the MTC, have a quick chat now rather than right at lights-out. Writing worries down in a "worry book" can help "empty" their mind for the night.
<b>30 Mins Before Bed</b>	A warm bath, reading a favorite book together, or listening to an audiobook helps lower cortisol (the stress hormone) and signals to the body that it's time to rest.

## **The Target: 9-11 Hours**

Primary-aged children typically need a solid block of sleep to function at 100%. Aim for a consistent "lights out" time, even on Sunday nights, to keep their internal clock steady. A well-rested child will perform significantly better!

*Mrs Walker*

# Year 4

## Welcome Back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable May half-term holiday and are ready for our final term. Please remember to make sure children have their PE kits in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and that the kit is suitable for warmer weather.

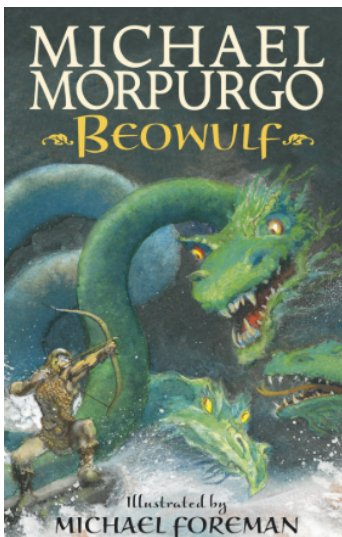
## What's Happening in Class:

- **Iver Heath Trip:** Our trip to Iver Heath will be on **Monday 22nd June**. Your child will need to come to school wearing their full school uniform. They will need to bring a packed lunch, a water bottle and a rain jacket.
- **Writing:** This term, we will be focusing on creating persuasive texts and narrative. Children will apply their writing skills to create engaging and detailed texts that hook and inform the reader.
- **Maths:** We will be exploring the world of geometry. Children will learn about angles within shapes and use position and direction on different grids.
- **Geography:** This term, we will be exploring mountains and the different climate zones across the world.
- **Master Readers:** This half term, we shall be reading and exploring the text, "Beowulf". This is an Anglo-Saxon poem which has been re-written as a narrative story.
- **Science:** The children will be learning about living things and their habitats.

## Thank You!

A big thank you to all the children who completed the holiday homework. We have enjoyed looking at all the completed tasks.

## Miss McDonnell and Miss Smith



# Year 5

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and refreshing May half-term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm for the final stretch of the school year. We have a very busy half-term planned as we head towards the summer holidays.

We are looking forward to the Year 5 Residential on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June. This will be a highlight of the year, offering a fantastic opportunity for team building and outdoor adventure. For those children not attending the residential, we will complete a very exciting project in school, ensuring that everyone has a memorable and engaging few days.

This term, we are stepping back in time as we become historical investigators. In History, we will be exploring the Mayans, uncovering the secrets of this ancient civilisation, from their incredible architecture to their sophisticated calendar systems. This links to our previous learning on Rainforests.

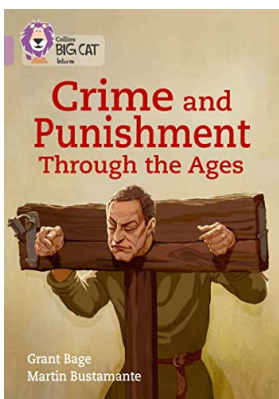
In Science, our focus shifts to Life Changes: The Cycle of Human Life. We will be exploring the different stages of human development, understanding how the human body grows and changes from birth through to old age.

In Reading, we are studying the fascinating text, 'Crime and Punishment Through the Ages'. We shall be exploring how laws and consequences have evolved over centuries, unpicking historical evidence and discussing the societal shifts that influenced these changes.

In Writing, we are moving on to the model text 'Yara's Trial'. This follows on from our previous reading text, 'The Jaguar Trails'. We will be focusing on narrative structure and persuasive language, using the high-stakes setting of a trial to refine our writing skills.

In Maths, we are continuing our work with Geometry. Having already established a strong foundation with our learning on angles, the children will now be deepening their understanding with: identifying and calculating missing angles on a straight line and around a point, distinguishing between different types of polygons and developing our reasoning skills through complex geometric problem-solving.

A general reminder about our school uniform. Children are expected to wear school trousers or leggings and have proper school shoes (joggers are not acceptable). Please note that jogging bottoms are only acceptable for PE.



## Mr Oakley, Mrs Fakhri and Miss Linnell



# Year 6

Welcome back after the May half-term. We were so impressed with how the year group conducted themselves during SATs week and we hope that all their hard work has paid off.

## Key Dates: Summer 2

- Wednesday 17th June- Y6 Open Afternoon from 3:00pm
- Tuesday 23rd June- Language Day at John Hampden Grammar School
- Wednesday 24th June- Upper Phase Sports Day
- Tuesday 30th June- Transition Workshop at St Mary's and St George
- Tuesday 7th July- Transition Day at their new Secondary School
- Friday 10th July- Year 6 Production at Pipers Corner School
- Wednesday 15th July to Friday 17th July- Year 6 Residential
- Monday 20th July- Inflatables
- Tuesday 21st July- Water Fight

Full details of all these events will be sent out in due course, please keep a look out for emails from the school with details.

**Please note that Year 6 is going to have a change of PE days. We will now have PE every Monday and Thursday.** Please ensure all earrings are removed on these days for safety.

The Year 6's will be working on a production of Treachery at Traitor's Quay and will be performing it on 10th July at Pipers Corner School. Please help your child with learning their lines and gathering items for their costume.

Details about logistics and tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

**Miss Price, Miss Chandler and Miss Farid**

