

April 2026

Year 6

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. I can't believe that our final term at Les Landes is already upon us! We do however have an actioned packed term ahead of us and I know the children will make the most of every opportunity that comes their way.

### **English**

During the first half term we will be using a high-quality picture book – Beneath the Surface – as a stimulus for our poetry writing. We will then be using Drama strategies to write and perform playscripts. During the second half term, children will be writing speeches for the inter-school Speak Up Speak Out competition linked to our Voice 21 oracy learning.

In reading sessions this half term, we will be doing some test-preparation to familiarise the children with the style of questions to expect in the Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling KS2 test papers. We will be continuing to work on our Year 6 reading objectives after half term. Our final whole class reading book will be There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar which has themes of personal transformation and growth, self-image and self-esteem, and the power of friendship and compassion.

### **Maths**

In maths, we will learn about:

- Area, perimeter and volume
- Statistics
- Position and direction
- Problem Solving

Daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars will help reinforce these skills and help the children successfully apply this knowledge to other concepts. By the end of Year 6, children should have a strong, fluent recall of multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ .

### **PSHE**

We will continue using myHappyMind and will recap the strategies we have already learnt to feel our best. The children will be reminded of how when we challenge ourselves we build new skills, feel proud and stay healthy. We will also look at the science behind When we feel good, we do good. The children will develop this further by setting goals and learn about how this helps us achieve more. There will be natural focus on transition this year as we start to prepare for the children to transition to secondary school.

### **Other Subjects**

Science will be taught by Mrs Searson this half term. This term's scientific discoveries cover:

- **Animals including Humans** – learning about the circulatory and digestive systems. We will also learn about what our body needs for nourishment.

We will have a history focus during the first half term where Year 6 will step back in time to the "New Stone Age" (Neolithic period) to investigate one of the biggest turning points in human history. They will explore how early humans transformed from nomadic hunter-gatherers into settled farmers.

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After half term, Year 6 will dive straight into an exciting Geography topic, "Raging Rivers and our Changing Worlds." The children will explore the dynamic and fast-flowing world of water. From the mountainous source to the tidal mouth, the children will become experts on the physical features of rivers, including meanders, oxbow lakes, and waterfalls. They will use their existing knowledge of maps to investigate the power of rivers to erode, transport, and deposit materials, shaping the landscape in the process. We will also look closely at the water cycle, understanding how rivers are crucial for ecosystems and human civilization alike.

In Art and Design, the children will develop their skills in mark making further and focus on drawing and shading techniques. We will be collaborating with a local artist, Lisa Troy, to explore the materials used in neolithic art such as charcoal and respond to neolithic artifacts and the tonal value of stones from our local dolmans.

Year 6 will have PE on will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit and trainers.

In Computing, we will be learning about Quizzing and Spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel.

In RE, children will be building on their previous learning about Christianity by learning about what kind of king Jesus was and how faith helps Christians when life gets hard.

### Homework Expectations:

To support your child's learning at home:

- **Reading:** Encourage at least 15 minutes of reading each evening. Please record a signature in their Reading Record to acknowledge this.
- **Spellings:** New words will be introduced on Friday and tested the following Friday. Daily practice using the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method is recommended.
- **Maths:** Daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars (7 one-minute games in the 'Garage' section).

### Important Dates

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Year 6 Residential
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday
- **Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 Test Week
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – La Hougue Bie Trip

### Additional Information

- This term, **Mrs Searson** will be teaching Year 6 on Tuesdays, teaching Science and PE. Mrs Gage will be teaching Music on Friday mornings.
- Please ensure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly marked with your child's name.
- Encourage your child to bring a water bottle (maximum 1 litre) to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- If you have an old shirt suitable for use as a painting apron, please send it in. We also welcome any old newspapers for art activities.

Thank you again for your continued support. It really is my privilege to support your child. If you have any questions or would like to talk about anything, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Yours faithfully,

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