

## Important Dates

6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
13th May	Year 6 SATs week
20th May	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew
w/b 20th May	Neurodiversity week
w/b 27th May	Half Term
3rd June	INSET Day
w/b 3rd June	Year 6 School Journey
8th June	Summer Fayre
1st July	Yr 5/6 rehearsal at theatre
2nd July	Yr 5/6 performance
5th July	Sports Day and Colour Run
w/b 8th July	History week
12th July	Work Sharing
11th July	Move up day
16th July	Take over day
18th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly
19th July	Break the rules day / End of term

## Topic

For the summer term, our topic will be **Hola Mexico!** Before half term, we will be focusing on geography, exploring the human and physical aspects of Mexico and writing travel brochures. We will also be investigating the food and culture of the country, including preparing healthy Mexican snacks. After half term, we will be investigating the history of Mexico by learning about the Ancient Maya.

## PSHE

Summer 1—Relationships. The children learn more about mental health and how to take care of their own mental well-being. They investigate online safety, learning how to judge if something is safe and helpful, as well as talking about communicating with friends and family in a positive and safe way.

Summer 2—Changing me. A letter will come out nearer the time giving detail about this unit.

# Summer Term 2024

## General

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. Thank you for your continued support this term. We hope to make your children's final few months at Northgate a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Year 6 SATs are approaching quickly and much of our learning is focused on preparing the children for these. You should soon receive a more detailed email on what to expect during SATs week. It is important that your child is in school every day, where possible.

There will also be a focus this term on ensuring a successful transition to secondary school and focusing on our end of year production, which will be announced on the 17th May.

If you need to contact either of us, please email [class11@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:class11@northgate.herts.sch.uk) or [class12@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:class12@northgate.herts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to reply within two working days.

Miss Hartley and Mr Brown

## National Assessments

SATs tests will be taken across four days during the week beginning Monday 13th May. Here is a timetable of each paper:

Monday: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1  
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 2

Tuesday: English Reading

Wednesday: Maths: Paper 1 (Arithmetic)  
Maths: Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday: Maths: Paper 3 (Reasoning)

## PE Kit

PE lessons are on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. Please continue to come to school in kit (white t-shirt and green shorts for warm weather and green tracksuit for the colder weather) on these days.



## Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including Holes. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected to have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.

## Maths

In preparation for the upcoming tests, we will be revisiting key mathematical concepts. We have identified the following areas:

- Constructing & measuring angles using a protractor.
- Properties of shape.
- Perimeter, area and volume).
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Translating shapes in all four quadrants.

## Home Learning

Children are expected to read to an adult for 15 minutes at least three times a week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about vocabulary and check their understanding of the text.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis and tested on Fridays.

Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis using TTRS.

Maths and English tasks are sent home/ uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Friday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes.

During the second part of the summer term, children will be expected to learn lines and song words in preparation for our school production.