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**HALF TERMLY LETTER – YEAR 6 – Miss Bayly**

<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>	<b><u>LITERACY</u></b>	<b><u>NUMERACY:</u></b>	<b><u>OTHER INFORMATION:</u></b>
<p><b><u>HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY FOCUS:</u></b></p> <p>This half term we will be continuing our SCHOOL JOURNEY work in preparation for our trip in May. The children will be learning about the places that they will be visiting during the School Journey week. These include Goodrich Castle, West Midlands Safari Park and Slimbridge Wetland Centre.</p> <p>We have been delighted with the quality of work that the children have produced in their books. School Journey certainly promises to be an interesting and exciting trip.</p> <p>After the trip, the children will need to continue to bring in their School Journey books so that we can do some follow-up work based on our trips.</p> <p>Please note the School Journey meeting for parents on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Year 6 classroom.</p>	<p>In preparation for the SATs tests, we plan to revise reading and writing both narrative and non-fiction genres. The children will be encouraged to proofread their own spelling and punctuation and work on ways to improve these. They will also recap on the features of a variety of different styles of writing that we have studied this year such as playscripts, recount and persuasion.</p> <p>In guided reading sessions for this half term, we will have a look at some past reading SAT's papers and go over techniques for inference and deduction.</p> <p>After the SAT's tests, we will be starting a unit of work on poetry. This will involve reading, writing and performing a wide range of poems.</p>	<p>Children will be refining their skills in using mathematical equipment and calculators this half term. By looking at a range of past SATs paper questions, the children will have the opportunity to practise measuring angles with a protractor, length with a ruler and weight with scales as well as solving multi-step problems with a calculator.</p> <p><b><u>OTHER AREAS:</u></b>  <b><u>SCIENCE</u></b> – We will be revising Living Things and considering how scientists plan, carry out, conclude and review their experiments.  <b><u>R.E.</u></b> – Sacred Texts  <b><u>P.E.</u></b> – Athletics and Rounders on <u>Monday</u> and <u>Thursday</u> afternoons. P.E. kits should consist of a spare T-shirt, shorts or tracksuit trousers, socks and extra trainers.  <b><u>ICT</u></b> – Searching large databases and interpreting information  <b><u>ART</u></b> – Year 6 will be doing some artwork in preparation for School Journey as well as class-based art  <b><u>DT</u></b>- Designing and Making Slippers  <b><u>MUSIC</u></b> – Starting to practise songs for our Leaver's Concert!</p>	<p>I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We are now moving onto our Year Sixes last term at Darell! There is certainly lots to be crammed into this last and memorable term for them.</p> <p>The children continue to have regular homework, some of which will include sample SATs questions. Please could you check that your child is up to date with all homework.</p> <p>Any old newspapers would be gratefully received for art.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p> <p><b><u>DIARY DATES:</u></b>  22/04/10- Junior Citizen Event  27/04/10 – Maths Open Morning  28/04/10 – School Journey Meeting  10/05/10-14/05/10 – SATs Week  23/05/10 -28/05/06 – School Journey  <i>After half term break:</i>  09/06/10 – rescheduled Imperial War Museum Trip</p>