

Upper Juniors – Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break. The final term in Upper Juniors continues to be an exciting and action-packed time at Ditcham Park School. Pupils work collaboratively on major projects, culminating in our end of year Junior Production – The Keymaster. Please find below, communication and curriculum details for the Summer Term.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or pop by our classroom before school or at the end of the day – our door is always open. You will also find the Upper Junior Class Representative, Kate Short (mother of Ellie Walker in UJM) a really useful port of call if you have any questions. Thank you, Kate for being so proactive in this role.

Curriculum and Homework:

English - Playscript writing, Performance, Poetry, Shakespeare, Comprehension, Speaking and Listening – Cowper-Coles presentation

Maths – Data handling, Statistics, Algebra, 4 operations, Practical measure problems, Calculator skills, Problem solving and mathematical puzzles, Mental maths

Science – Chemistry and how particles make up everything, Keeping healthy

ICT - Digital Music (UJA), Google Suite, E-safety, Touch typing

Music - Performing Arts – Upper Junior Production of ‘The Keymaster’

PSHE - Sex Education, Rights and Responsibilities linked to wider world, Internet Safety, Bikeability, Empathy

RS - Role of The Mosque, Community, Sacred Texts

Drama - Performance skills: with a focus on vocal, physical and non-verbal communication, Devising Theatre from a key word, image and piece of music, Interpreting scripts for performance

PE and Games - Boys and Girls Games – Cricket, Tennis & Athletics

Art and DT - Robotic hand designs, Garden decorations (UJM), Upcycling planter project, Ceramics, Thumb pots with glass and oxide, A Giant Group pot, Design production scenery, Independent STEAM project

MFL – French: Healthy eating and Sport, **Spanish:** Sport, Food and Places in the Town

Geography – Mapwork, 6 Figure Grid References, Natural Disasters

History - Research skills, World War 2

Children will continue to receive one piece of homework per night, which should take about 30 minutes. In addition, we continue to encourage all pupils to read regularly, which promotes a lifelong love of reading.

School Trips:

We are planning to take pupils to Paultons Park on Friday 1st July and would very much like help with this trip, so if you are available please send us an email. We will leave Ditcham at 9:00am and return by 3.45pm for the end of the school day. (All trips continue to run within Government guidelines and are subject to Covid restrictions.) In the event that we have more volunteers than needed, **we** will select the first four parent emails received. In order to keep group dynamics stable, we ask that only those chosen to help with the trip come along on the day, and thank you in advance for your understanding.

We are both looking forward to an exciting term ahead and very much hope the sun continues to shine.

Best wishes,

Roly Ainsworth and Julie Mothersele