



Year 6 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6! We hope you have all managed to have a well deserved rest over the Summer holidays. We are delighted with all the children as they have settled in to year 6 so well and it has been lovely to see them enter our classrooms with BIG smiles on their faces. We are very much enjoying working with and getting to know the children and supporting them with the next steps of their learning.

STAFFING

Classes this year are led by Mr Jackson and Miss Mansfield with support every day from Mrs Whymark and Mrs Bretherton. Miss Woodhouse will be covering both classes fortnightly planning and preparation days and Mr Jackson's weekly special educational needs co-ordinator time. If you wish to contact us you can speak to us at the door for short messages, send in a note or contact the office to arrange a meeting if you wish to discuss something in detail.

AUTUMN TERM

Most of our work done in class this term will link to our school vision of 'Health Hearts' and 'Plants'

Throughout or continuous provision, both inside and outside the classroom, we will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities with links to our core subjects as much as possible.

As scientists we will be learning about living things and their habitats and focus on how living things are categorised. We will also be learning about light and how we can see objects.

As historians we will be learning about World War 2. Focusing on how it began and its impact on the local area.

As geographers we will be looking at similarities and differences between the Lake District, the Tatra mountains and the Caribbean.

As product designers we will be introducing working with textiles to create a waistcoat for a teddy bear.

As artists we will be developing our skills in photography and create photomontages, use macro photography, recreate famous paintings and create self portraits.

In PE we will be learning how to play tag rugby, football and learning dance.

In RE we will be learning how Christians mark the significant points in their lives.

MATHEMATICS

We will be covering a wide range of mathematics this term including place value, the four operations and fractions. We will focus on consolidation of the learning completed in previous years and then expand upon this.

ENGLISH

In English we will be focusing on writing a diary entry and an award speech using the texts *Rose Blanche* by Roberto Innocenti and *Anne Frank* by Josephine Poole. In the second half of the term we will be writing a flashback narrative and a newspaper report using the text *A Story Like the Wind* by Gill Lewis.



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READING

As reading underpins all learning in school, we expect daily reading practice during Key Stage 2, even if only for 10 minutes each evening.

Due to the length of books in year 6, we encourage the children to bring in their book as soon as they have completed it and it can be changed that day. Many children are now at the stage where they are able to read independently. However, we encourage you to listen to your child read whenever possible to help them develop their expression and fluency when reading out loud. This is also an opportunity to help your child discuss new vocabulary and ensure they understand what they have read. If your child wants to read books at home as well as from school, then please encourage them to record these books, too! Ultimately, reading improves children's ability to access learning across the curriculum and couldn't be more important.

HOME ACTIVITIES

On Thursdays Year 6 children will be set homework on the learning platform 'SeeSaw'. Login details for SeeSaw, Active Learn Bug Club and Puple Mash have all been sent out to you. If you have not received these, please let us know.

One piece of homework will relate to our Topic, English or Maths work. This should be completed and submitted by the following Wednesday so that we can discuss it with the children.

We will also set a spelling activity which will relate to the spelling rules taught that week, We will test these spellings on the following Friday.

PE KITS

PE for Year 6 will take place on Thursdays. All children arrive at school in a complete PE kit and trainers are allowed to be worn. Your child should have their hair tied back if it is long and they should come into school without earrings on PE days. If earrings cannot be taken out for any reason can you please make sure they bring tape in to cover them up. If it's raining, they may wish to come in normal shoes/boots and put their PE trainers/pumps in their bag.

SNACKS AND DRINKS

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to eat during morning play (separate from their packed lunch) Please may we remind you that our school is a nut free school. All children need to bring in a plastic bottle containing water to keep in class so that they can drink from it during the day.

We hope you have found this helpful, if you think there is anything we have missed, please let us know.

Miss Mansfield and Mr Jackson