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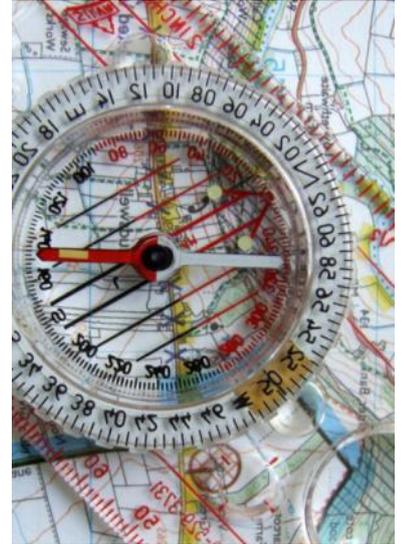
Welcome to Year 6 !

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and are all ready to enjoy Year 6!

Within this first curriculum newsletter we will let you know what we will be learning in class this term and any ways in which you can help your child to achieve the best they possibly can.

P.E

During our P.E. lessons, we will be learning to develop our personal skills of teamwork and communication. We will also be swimming once a week to develop the children's skills and confidence in the water.



Science

This term in Science, we will be looking at animals including humans. We will be learning about how the human body works, in particular our cardiovascular and circulation systems as well as how to stay healthy. Alongside this, we will be looking at the effects of exercise on the body.

I'm a Y
Get Me Out

Art

This year we are incredibly lucky to be able to go to the Secondary Art department one afternoon a week. Within these sessions we will be learning about different artistic techniques. Each week 2 students from each class are also chosen for displaying fantastic excellent behaviour and are given a success card each to take home.

In our first term of Year 6, we will have them as spooky and full of suspense. We will be learning about how to include adjectives and adverbs within our writing and expanded noun phrases.

To aid our reading and comprehension, we will have a guided reading session where we will discuss the text. To help your child, you need to read at home every day. By also asking questions while they are reading, such as what the characters are thinking the characters are feeling in

Topic

Our topic this term is called 'I'm a Year 6; Get Me Out of Here!'. Within our topic lessons we will be learning about the use of maps and compasses and how to navigate around different areas. In particular we will study in detail the keys used on different maps including ordnance survey maps and the 8 points of the compass.

Year 6; Get Me Out of Here!

English

I will be writing stories, attempting to make sense as possible. Within lessons, we will use a range of ambitious adjectives using through the use of adverbial and

comprehension skills, we also have a daily lesson where we will focus on inference and prediction. We will be encouraged to make sure that they are reading and we will be asking them questions about what they think may happen next or how they think the story will also aid your child's progress in reading incredibly.

Religious Education

This term, Year 6 will be investigating the question of what makes a place special. They will begin by discussing what respect is and how it varies in different religions, in particular in different places of worship.

We encourage you to discuss with your child what respect means in your household and how this may be similar or different to the ways that they have studied so far at school.



Maths

Within Year 6 our classes are split across the year group depending on ability. The reason we do this is so that we can focus on ensuring that each child is getting the most appropriate teaching so that they progress. We are currently split into 2 classes for mathematics, however eventually we aim to split the year group 3 ways to allow for smaller classes which means more opportunities for 1 to 1 time with the teacher.

As times tables are key to many aspects of maths, we encourage children to practise these daily. We have now instigated a multiplication challenge which the children are really enjoying.

Homework

Weekly home learning consists of practising times tables daily which are tested throughout the week. It is an expectation of Year 6 that all times tables up to 12 x 12 should be learnt off by heart. Spellings are handed out at the beginning of each week, with a test on Friday. It is extremely important that your child learns their spellings off by heart as well as the spelling rule which is taught within class each day.

Please also ensure that your child is reading every night and their book and reading record is brought into school every day, thus ensuring their book is changed regularly. If you would like your child's book changed more frequently, then please remind them to do so. Don't forget to talk to your child about what they have been learning.

Our Values

Our value this term is 'Resilience'. This theme is especially relevant to our year group as Year 6 can be a year which some students find challenging. Never giving up is also a skill required in Year 6 in general as embracing your mistakes and learning from them rather than giving up will help each child to reach their full potential within this final year of primary school.



Key Dates

Harvest Festival Assembly—
Friday 21st October

P.E. Days

6AC- Mondays and Thursdays
6CS- Tuesdays and Thursdays

This term, Year 6 are swimming every Thursday. We ask that you ensure that your child brings a full swimming kit, including a towel and swimming hat.

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor P.E. kit, which is labelled, in school all week, as sometimes our P.E days will need to be flexible. We will be sending letters home should your child not bring the entire and correct P.E. kit.