

## Welcome to Year 6

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We are so excited to be part of the new Year Six team and I really hope you and your child are looking forward to it too! This brief outline of the year hopes to provide you with our expectations, information regarding the Key Stage 2 Curriculum Tests and answer any questions you may have.

This year we are changing the way we teach our topics across the whole school and are rolling out a new program where Year 5 and Year 6 follow the same topics over a two-year cycle. This means we can work closely alongside each other, share ideas and hope to plan even more theme days. From September 2018, we will be following cycle 1 and the main topics are as follows:

▶ **Autumn- Stone Age to Iron Age and Landscapes**

Our topic novel will be Stig of the Dump

▶ **Spring- The Ancient Greeks**

This will be a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Our literature topic will be Greek Stories

▶ **Summer- WW2**

Our topic novel will either be The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas or Goodnight Mister Tom.

In science we will try to link in with the topic areas as much as possible and this will include the following areas:

**Autumn term**- Light and Electricity and The Human Body

**Spring term**- Classification and Evolution and Inheritance

**Summer Term**- Changes

In RE we are now following the Herts scheme as well the Understanding Christianity scheme of work. We will be focusing our learning around the following three key questions: What would Jesus do? What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? What kind of King would Jesus be? Alongside these we will be looking at our other focus religion: Buddhism.

### Key Stage 2 Curriculum Tests

(13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
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Tuesday 14 May	English reading
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Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
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Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3
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As most of you know in Year 6 the children will be taking the Key Stage 2 Curriculum Tests in May. Assessments are ongoing throughout Year 6. The children will be doing the following papers:

- ▶ Maths 3 papers – arithmetic and two reasoning papers
- ▶ Reading- 1 hour paper
- ▶ Grammar/Spelling and Punctuation- 2 papers

I will be doing a separate SATs meeting in the Autumn Term to go into a little more detail about what the papers look like, how we plan to get the children prepared for them and the expectations.

As well as being assessed on the papers, the children will also be assessed with their writing. However, this will not be done in a test environment instead the writing assessment will be an on-going Teacher assessment.

The biggest single influence on your child’s SATs marks will be their reading ability. To help them with this I have broken down a few things we can do to help them with their understanding. We can do this by:

- ▶ checking that the book they are reading makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context
- ▶ asking questions to improve their understanding
- ▶ drawing inferences such as inferring characters’ feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
- ▶ predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
- ▶ summarising the main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas
- ▶ identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning

**Home Learning:**

As with previous years, the children will have home learning set on a weekly basis. The plan for the Autumn Term is as follows:

Daily:	Reading Times Table practise
Monday:	Spellings Set Diary due in
Tuesday:	English and Maths Homework due.
Friday:	Spelling Test and Spelling Homework due. Times Table Test English Homework Set Maths Homework Set

This year the children will have access to online sites to support their learning- Purple Mash for example and these sites can be accessed from home. We may, on occasion, give out homework linked to these sites. If computer access is an issue at home, please let us know, so that we can provide time in school for children to use our laptops to complete homework.

Any written homework is completed in the Maths or English book. I feel that this is the best way to provide feedback to your child and yourself as well as promoting the importance of homework and its presentation. If your child has particularly struggled with home learning, do make a note for me and we can make sure they get some extra support.

**Lining up in the morning:**

As all the classrooms are switching this September, Year 6 will now be found in the current Year 1 class. At 08:50, when the whistle is blown, the children will be asked to line up outside the Main Hall door, on the main playground. I will then meet them and walk the children through the hall and into the classroom. At 3:15pm the children will leave the classroom via the usual Year 1 area.

## **Secondary Transfer-**

In the summer term there will be lots done to ensure the secondary transfer for you and your child is as smooth as possible. I will be liaising with the secondary schools from May 2019 so please do inform me if you wish any other information to be mentioned to the head of year. We want secondary transfer to be as easy and stress free as possible for your child. I will make sure that there will be no homework set on the visit evenings to secondary schools.

## **In order to encourage independence and responsibility your child will need to ensure they have the following from September onwards**

- ▶ pencil case with their pens, pencils and crayons (named)
- ▶ diary and folder
- ▶ reading book
- ▶ coat / jumper
- ▶ water bottle (named)
- ▶ lunch-box (named)
- ▶ healthy snack of fresh/dried fruit or vegetables for break
- ▶ P.E. – earrings should be covered or removed
- ▶ P.E. kit-maroon shorts/ blue t-shirt for when your child has grown out of their present kit.  
Tracksuits should be worn for outside games in the winter months.

## **P.G.L.**

In the Summer Term we will be off on our PGL week. Further details on this will be passed onto you as soon as I have them. The trip hopes to:

- Build upon independence and life skills
- Great social / team-building opportunities
- Wonderful memories of the week
- Superb educational experience

Please do arrange to meet me if you are ever concerned or want to talk anything through, whenever you feel necessary. We hope your child enjoys their time in Year 6.

**Our aim is to create interest, excitement and memories in learning.**