

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 6! I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. We can't wait to get started with this first term and we are looking forward to working with your children and yourselves over the course of this coming school year. Please find below a few useful notes to help you navigate the start of term.

Leadership

This year we will be aiming to develop the children's resilience and leadership. As the oldest children in the school, Class 6 take on important responsibilities and are encouraged to become positive role models for the rest of the school. Throughout the year, your child will have opportunities to develop their independence, leadership, and organisational skills, by taking on different 'jobs' within the class and across the school. One of their key roles will be to act as buddies for our new Class R children, helping them settle into school life with kindness and support. Also, pupils will have the chance to apply for a variety of leadership positions, such as House Captains, Sports Leaders, Librarians, School Council Representatives and Play Leaders. These roles are an excellent opportunity for children to contribute to the wider life of the school and to develop confidence, responsibility, and teamwork. We will guide and support them as they rise to these challenges and celebrate their contributions along the way.

In addition to this, we are extending our Wellbeing programme for Year 6 this year to include a personal development programme from the Leadership Skills Foundation to help them embed leadership skills into their everyday learning.

Curriculum

Our **overview** will give you an idea about the learning that will take place over this term. Please be aware that this is flexible in response to the children's interests and ideas. The class pages of our website has further details, including the Statutory Word List, spelling details, the class reading spine, termly knowledge organisers for maths and writing expectations.

You will notice that we will be reading two books this term. We will begin with *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow and move onto *Tyger* by SF Said. Some children like and find it helpful to have their own copy of the book, in which case we ask that you label it with their name.



Forest School and P.E.

Forest School will be fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons, starting 10th September. Other PE lessons will be on **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoons. On these days, children should come to school in their PE kit (trainers, black joggers/leggings/shorts, house colour t-shirt and red jumper). As we still want children to look smart, we encourage plain clothing without branding other than the school logo.

What to bring to school

As the weather can be changeable, please consider if your child requires a **waterproof coat**, or indeed **suncream** and a **cap**. On forest school days children will need to bring suitable kit (long trousers, long sleeves, waterproof coat and wellies or boots). Children should bring in their own **water bottle** every day, which can be refilled at school and taken home for cleaning. It is very helpful if children can bring their own **pencil case**. These will be kept on their desks during the day and taken home each evening. Should

children choose to bring their own pencil cases these are the suggested contents: one writing pencil, glue stick, ruler, six colouring pencils, white board pen, mini whiteboard rubber, pencil sharpener, black handwriting pen, purple biro. Please note that this equipment will be provided should they choose not to bring their own. Children should also bring in their current **reading book**, either one from the school library or one from home.

Homework

At home, you can help by listening to your child **read every day** and taking time to ask them questions about what they have read. Children that share books and book talk at home make significantly more progress than those who don't. Children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes daily. Additionally, we ask that children practice their maths, times tables, English and spelling for 20 minutes each per week, using the homework platform Doodle.

Website

Don't forget to check out the class pages of the website from time to time to see what we've been up to. [Class News | Stratton CofE Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://secure-primariesite.net)

Dates for your diary

We are lucky to have so many exciting events already in the diary. Please look out for further details coming in the next few weeks.

15th September visit to memory Café with the Kitchen Club Look out for email for pick up details.

16th October Cheltenham Literature Festival Maz Evans Look out for email with details.

We are all really looking forward to the coming year. If you have any queries, please do speak to one of us.

Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Brown