

Y6 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome back to Dobcroft Junior School!

We are excited to be teaching your child(ren) in their final year at the Junior School. Year 6 is a year group with a wide variety of exciting and challenging learning. Each term, you will receive a newsletter with key information and dates about what is happening that term. If you have any further questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This year, we are having a whole school focus on manners. We want all children to remember that **polite is powerful**. Each week, we will have a different oracy focus that we share with the children and actions they can take to earn dojos around school.

Y6 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y6P	Miss Pratt	Ms Stephenson Mr Bashforth
Y6W	Mr Wassell	Mr Kemp
Y6BH	Mrs Bayles (Mon-Thur) Mrs Harding (Friday)	Ms Stephenson Mr Bashforth

Autumn Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 6 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Autumn 1

English	Fiction work based on The Arrival by Shaun Tan
Whole Class Reading	World War 2 anthology (non-fiction) Floodlands (fiction)
Maths	Calculation, Place Value, Shape
Times tables focus	All times tables facts (weekly 2 minute test)
Science	Animals including humans
History	Battle of Britain
Art	Architectural drawings
Computing	Communicating text and media
Personal Development	Stereotypes and acceptance, sexism
Online safety	Social Media and Bullying
Music	Ostinato rhythms
RE	Hinduism
PE – Games	Ball skills - basketball
PE – gymnastics	Travelling

Autumn 2

English	Persuasive writing inspired by the book 'Can we Save the Tiger?'
Whole Class Reading	100 Scientists who changed history (non-fiction) Floodlands cont. (fiction)
Maths	Multiplication and division, position and direction, fractions
Times tables focus	All times tables facts (weekly 2 minute test)
Science	Light
Geography	Biomes
DT	Food - Celebrating culture and seasonality:
Computing	Communicating Media
Personal Development	Prejudice
Online safety	Fake news, echo chambers
Music	Ostinato rhythms cont.
RE	How can following God bring freedom and justice?
PE – Games	Ball skills - basketball cont.
PE – gymnastics	Balance

Assessments this term: We will be carrying out our first baseline assessment week the week commencing 7th September. This is our first opportunity to review knowledge and how we can progress during Year 6. It is a chance for teachers to assess and review their planning based on what the children need. The following assessment week is the week commencing 2nd November.

Y6 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
WB 7th September	Assessment week 1
1st October	Individual school photos
20 th and 21 st October	Parents' evenings
WB 2 nd November	Assessment week 2
December – date TBC	Christmas Party

PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternative Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

During this time, your child will be taught P.E., Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Mr Ross – P.E - games

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

Home Learning

This year, your child will receive their home learning on Fridays. This will be due back the following Wednesday so that your teacher can record and give out lots of Dojo Points!

Children will also bring home 10 spellings to learn each week. They will be tested on the following Wednesday. The spellings are also available on Spelling Shed. Your child has a log in for this website.

Home Learning will be set online on your ClassDojo story.

Your child has been given a new reading record to record all reading at home and homework.

P.E

Class	Days
Y6BH	Wednesdays and alternate Tues/Thurs
Y6P	Fridays and alternate Tues/Thurs
Y6W	Fridays and alternate Tues/Thurs

Secondary Ready

As it is their final year, we want to make the children 'Secondary ready' so please help us to do this by putting the emphasis on the children to ensure they have the correct items for their school day (for example, homework and PE kits).

Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities:

Y6W	Y6P	Y6BC
All three classes will would appreciate some volunteers to help with our DT unit which is focused on food technology. We will confirm dates closer to the time and message on Dojo.		
We know many of our children love to read and we want to encourage the habit of reading for pleasure as a lifetime hobby. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Follow the link which details recommended reads for Y6 aged children. https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6/		