



Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome back! It has been great to welcome Year 6 back to school and start our year with a fantastic trip to the Roman Dewa museum in Chester! The children have applied themselves to their learning and we've all come back with smiling faces! **I look forward to meeting you all at this year's Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 20th September at 5.30pm.** The meeting will be held in the year 6 classroom. It will be a valuable chance to discuss the plans, aims and expectations for the year ahead for the children and the staff as well as how you can continue to support your child both at home and at school. .

Although there is a busy year ahead for the children in relation to the SATs, there is also a great deal more to year 6 and we are aiming to build on all the experiences the children gained last year and continue to provide enjoyable activities across the curriculum. Below is a brief overview of the different subject areas.

Maths: This year, we will be focusing on developing number skills further, so that the children can calculate using 6 and 7 digit numbers. Calculation strategies will be extremely important in relation to the SATs tests and therefore will be practised throughout the year. As always, times tables will continue to be vital to all areas of maths. A further focus will be on problem solving and their ability to apply number skills in a range of contexts. The staff in Year 6 will be working hard to ensure we support the children in the best way possible.

English: We will begin by looking at the book 'Race to Death' by Annelise Gray in the first half term and then journalistic writing around **climate change** as well as biographies in the second. The children will need to focus in on the key features of all genres, developing language and structural features suitable for each text type, but also have a firm grasp of the essential writing features that should be in any piece of writing e.g. adventurous vocabulary, sequenced paragraphs etc. Grammar and spelling will be taught separately and embedded in English sessions to practise and apply the range of technical skills the children will need.

Science: Our science topic for Autumn 1 is **classifying organisms** and for Autumn 2 it is **electricity**.

Our topics: The overarching theme for Autumn 1 is '**The Romans**'. Through our lessons, we will be discovering why the Romans invaded Britain and the legacy that they have left. Our computing topic links nicely to this as the children will be creating their own horrible histories style videos with the information they have learnt.

How to Support your child at home:

Reading

It is extremely important that you continue to read as often as possible with your child. When reading with your children it is also important to talk about the text with the children to support their comprehension skills and about the punctuation, as this will support your child's understanding of punctuation in their own writing. **The children must have their diaries and books in school each day.** This will enable adults in school to hear children read regularly, as well as give me the opportunity to see what they are reading. Miss Nugent and Mrs Ali will be checking your child's books for evidence of reading on their given day.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set weekly, based around areas of maths and English work that the children have covered. This year— like in year 5- their work will be set via google classroom. Children will be expected to complete the tasks, and if specified, upload a photograph/file of their work onto the website. If your child needs a book in order to record their answers then this can be provided. Home learning will be set on a Thursday via google classroom and should be returned on a Tuesday. At times, they may receive research projects to complete and later in the year, work to help them towards their SATs. Please encourage your child to ask for help before Tuesday if they are struggling.

Multiplication Tables

Your child must be practicing their times tables regularly; including the inverse e.g. the division facts $48 \div 8 = 6$. This will support your child in becoming more confident when working with number in mathematics. Each child also has a login for Mathletics which they should use regularly to reinforce key skills and build speed and confidence.

Key Information

Key Dates

31st October—Deadline for applying for Stockport Secondary places.

20th September—Meet the teacher meeting

29th September: Macmillan coffee morning

10th October—Year 6 Class Assembly

Reminders

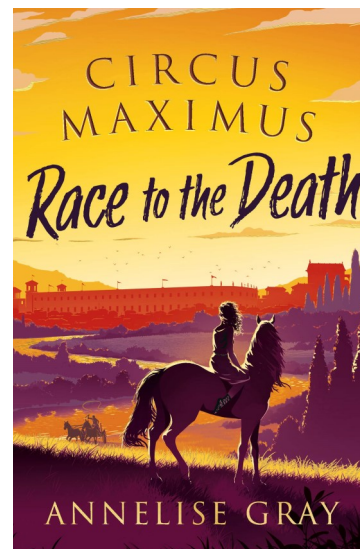
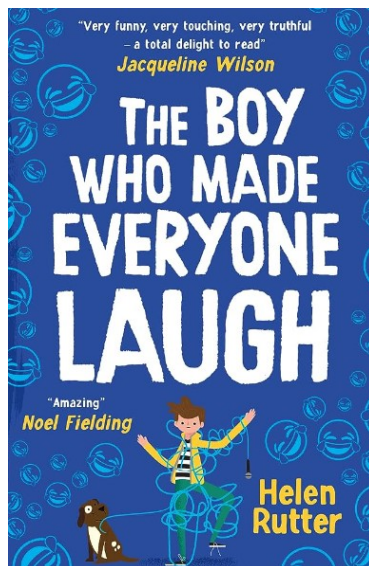
Indoor P.E. is on a Monday afternoon. Your child needs suitable black shorts and white T-shirt. Clothing should not be too loose, to help prevent accidents.

Outdoor PE will be on a Thursday morning. Your child needs warm outdoor clothing and suitable trainers to access sport throughout the year in a variety of weathers.

No jewellery, including stud earrings will be allowed during P.E. lessons. If ears are newly pierced they may be covered with plasters or tape. Long hair needs tying back with a bobble

Class Texts

We are reading the book 'Circus Maximus: Race to the Death' for our guided reading text and 'The boy who made everyone laugh' as our reading for pleasure text



Any issues?

Please contact Mrs Taylor, Mrs Ali or Miss Nugent either through your child's diary, via email (Joanna.taylor@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk) or by making contact through the school office.