

# Autumn Term

## Year 6 Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents



Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all had a happy and restful summer holiday and are ready for what promises to be a very busy and exciting Year 6. We've been looking forward to settling the children back into school and to the year ahead with all the experiences that the final year at primary school brings with it. The following information should give you an insight into what we will be covering between now and Christmas in Year 6 2023.

### English

In Year 6 we will develop the pupil's ability to write for a range of audiences and purposes in the form of a diary entry, non-chronological report, biography, or narrative etc. Daily English lessons as well as cross curricular writing, provide important opportunities for children to apply their grammatical and spelling learning as well as strengthening and developing reading abilities. We aim to use opportunities to reinforce literacy skills in all areas of the curriculum, finding 'real' opportunities for writing in different styles for different readers and reasons. Where possible, writing will link with our termly overarching topic or discrete learning in other curriculum areas. A list of texts we will cover and grammar support is available under the 'English' tab on the Y6 webpage.



### Reading

Weekly Pathways to Read sessions link with our writing units and will focus on reading fluency and comprehension questions. Alongside weekly whole class reading sessions, we will use short burst comprehension activities and the VIPERS questioning approach.

Please encourage children to read widely and regularly and discuss their reading choices with them. When possible, please continue to listen to your child reading; this enables them to read at a pace, allowing spellings and grammatical structures to be absorbed more readily.



### Mathematics

Through daily maths lessons, we will follow the White Rose Maths Hub structure, focussing on: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Fractions, Geometry-Position and Direction this term. We will also strengthen our mental maths (arithmetic) recall and will be continuing with times table work from last year. Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) require pupils to be able to interpret problems and explain their reasoning, so as a general request, any "real life" problems that you come across in daily life e.g. "How long before the News comes on?" or "How much change do you think I will be given?" is very good practice.

### Science

This term, we will begin by focussing on electricity and how we can vary electrical outputs. After half-term, we will learn about how we see things as part of our 'Light' unit. Throughout the year, we will develop our working scientifically skills by engaging in range of enquiry approaches, including comparative and fair testing.



### French

Mrs Mac will continue to teach French and will be recapping a range of basic French vocabulary (reading & writing) and conversation skills. In Year 6, children will also explore and learn about French culture.



### PSHE

PSHE sessions this term will look at in-app purchases, worries and making friends online. Growth mindset/My Happy Mind is a vital part of being in Year 6 and throughout the term we will discuss ways to maintain a positive mental attitude.



### Religious Education

This term we will explore what it means to belong to a religiously diverse world whilst learning about Judaism. We will also be studying how Sikhs worship and why community and equality is important in Sikhism.

## History

In history lessons this term, we will be learning about World War Two and the Battle of Britain as part of our World at War topic.

As part of this fascinating topic, we will begin by exploring how the Second World War started and important figures involved during this time period. We will then investigate the start of the war and study the battles that took place, including the Battle of Britain. After half-term, we will also learn about the Home Front following our Stockport Air Raid experience.



## Homework & Spellings

Weekly spelling will be set on Tuesdays and tested on the following Tuesday. All spelling lists (current and future) are available on the Year 6 webpage page under the 'Spelling' tab.

Homework will be set using the Google Classroom platform on Fridays and will be due in the following Wednesday. If your child cannot remember their details, please email us using the email addresses below and we will be happy to resend these.

## P.E.

P.E. is timetabled for 2 sessions per week. Wednesday and Friday for both classes. Friday sessions will be taught by Mr Martin Jones.

Please ensure your child wears appropriate, PE kits and comes to school in their PE clothes on the correct days.



- white t-shirt, dark shorts and appropriate pumps/sports trainers
- dark tracksuit should be worn during cooler weather
- Football club kits are not appropriate

If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that these are taken out on P.E. days or that they can take them out themselves prior to the lesson. Long hair must be tied back for P.E.

## Home time

If you wish for your child to walk to and from school, please email the school office to request a permission form in order to provide consent for this to take place. If for any reason we need to contact you regarding your child's time at school, we will get in touch by telephone or email. We also ask that if your child is unable to attend an after-school club that you contact the office to ensure club registers are updated. Please ensure that the office have your correct contact details e.g. changed mobile phone or address.

## Water Bottles

It is very important that children keep hydrated throughout the day. It would be much appreciated if you could send your child in with a clearly labelled container/ bottle which your child can use in school. Water only please!

## Y6 Diary Dates

- Stockport Air Raid trip - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- Y6 parent meeting - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm (School Hall).
- Secondary school applications - the statutory cut off day for applications is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please view the information on the Cheshire West and Chester Council website before making your application. You can also find a Secondary School Guidance booklet on the Y6 webpage.
- Bikeability - TBC
- Crucial Crew trip - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## Communication

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch with us. We can be contacted using our class email address and we will do our very best to reply promptly after our teaching commitments. We do however ask that if your email is urgent, please contact the office who will notify us as soon as possible.

We hope that we all have a happy and rewarding year and that your child enjoys the activities we have planned.