



Welcome to Year 6

Information for children and parents

Autumn Term

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you had a relaxing Summer break, the children had a great first week back.

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, please send me a message on dojo and I can make you an appointment to come in and see me, if needed. You can also leave a message at the school office if you would like me to ring you back.

We will use class dojo to share our success and things we are doing in the classroom. I will also share information on our class story. As the term progresses, I will share children's work when they are particularly proud of it, with parents in the messages section. School communications will be on the school website and also class dojo. Please check these regularly for information. Most letters will not be sent home on paper.

What will we be learning this term?

English - All children will take part in a reading lesson 4 days per week. We will focus on particular reading comprehension strands (VIPERS) and we will be reading a new age appropriate text each week – the children will bring this home on a Friday to become familiar with the text before we use it to teach from. Children will also take part in 5 English lessons which will focus on writing skills and the spelling, grammar and punctuation aspect of the curriculum.

Maths – In Maths, the children will be developing their understanding of place value, formal written methods for all 4 calculations and fractions. We follow the White Rose Maths scheme of a mastery approach which focuses on developing fluency through a range of reasoning and problem solving tasks.

In **Science** we will be learning about classification (Autumn 1) and unbalanced (Autumn 2).

We will be using our **History** skills to answer the question "What does the census tell us about our local area?" in Autumn 1.

In Autumn 2, we will be using our **Geographical** skills to think about why the population changes.

In **PSHE**, we will focus on living in the wider world, with a specific focus on managing friendships, feeling safe and showing respect to those around us. **RE** will focus on why some people believe God exists. We will be having **music** lessons with Stockport Music Service for **Music** and all children will continue to have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument.

PE

Year 6 will have a PE lesson with their class teacher on **Monday**: Gymnastics (Autumn 1) and Dance (Autumn 2) Games lessons will be on a **Thursday** with the sports coaches. We will provide the children with PE kits; **trainers/pumps need to be brought in from home – children cannot do PE in school shoes.**

If you would like your child to have their own kit, they will need a plain white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, plain navy/black tracksuit trousers and a plain sweatshirt may be worn. As we enter the winter months, please ensure your child has warm clothing suitable for outdoor conditions. All clothes need to be named and kept in a named PE bag. Children must have their games kit every week; it is a requirement of the National Curriculum that they have a games lesson and it is important for their own health and development that they participate in sporting activities.

Please ensure that ALL EARRINGS have been removed on PE days, if children cannot remove their own earrings then please do this at home, we are unable to help them in school – tape cannot be worn over earrings for health and safety reasons.

Homework

It is really important that children are reading from a variety of sources this year as well as continuing to read regularly out loud with an adult at home. The children will have reading skills lessons and will also have a reading book that is suitable for their reading level and understanding to read at home. They will also be borrowing books from the school library. Websites such as BBC Newsround are also useful to help children understand the world around them. Children will earn dojos for reading at home and remembering their reading book. Your child will read to an adult in school, so it is important they have their books EVERYDAY.

In addition to reading at home, it is important for children to practise their times tables. They are lucky to be able to access a great game called **Times Tables Rock Stars** in which they can climb leader boards – this is rewarded during our Friday assemblies. The children have a log-in to access this on an app on a tablet or smartphone or online. Please ask if you need more information. A couple of games a night for 5 minutes will help them improve.

Spellings are being taught differently this year. We will not be having spelling tests, but will be focusing on spelling sounds during daily Read, Write, Inc. spelling lessons. The children will practise applying our spellings in our guided and independent writing lessons.

Many thanks for all your support,

Abigail Irving (Class Teacher)

