

**Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have all had the chance to enjoy the summer holidays this year and spent some quality time with friends and family. I am so excited to start this new school year. Year 6 is a challenging, but amazing year for everyone and I have every faith that each and every child will perform their absolute best throughout the whole year. 😊

There will be a substantial focus on reading, so we are kindly asking you to support children with this as much as possible at home. All children need to be reading for minimum of 30 minutes per day, at least 4 times a week. I will be checking the children’s reading diaries every Monday to see if their reading target has been met. If they do this for half of the weeks in a half-term, the children will receive a class reading treat (e.g in a 6 week half term, they are expected to read 4 times for at least 3 weeks.). If they do not read for half of the weeks, they will **not** take part in the reading treat.

Our author for this term will be Tom Palmer. We have lots of his books in the classroom and I would really encourage the children to read as many of these as possible. Our first class novel will be Armistice Runner, so I ask if possible, that the children do not read this before we read it together.

Our Maths lessons will develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving across all elements of the National Curriculum as well as focusing specifically on arithmetic skills in particular.

In Science, we will be looking at the circulatory system within the human body, looking at the heart, blood vessels and blood.

In Geography this term, we will be focusing on countries and cities within South America.

History lessons this term will be focusing on WW1 and WW11. I can see the passion in which the children already have for this topic!

Within PSHE, we will begin by looking at relationships: friends and family, and safe relationships.

Finally, this year P.E will be taught by Mrs Kirk. Our P.E days will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Each day at lunchtime, Mrs Kirk will also be running PE clubs on the playground or field. These will change on a weekly basis and there will be no need to sign up in advance. Children will be able to join in as and when they would like to. To take part children will need their trainers only, but you may prefer to send your child into school in their PE kit on those days. KS1 clubs will be on Monday and Wednesday and KS2 will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will always be running club for both KS1 and KS2.

Junior Jam are returning this year and they will be teaching the children music, computing and on a Wednesday.

Homework will be sent home on **Thursday** and needs to be back in school the following Tuesday at the very latest.

If you have any questions or queries about Year 6, please don’t hesitate to email me and I will do my best to reply as soon as I can.

Kind Regards,

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