

YEAR 6 NEWS

Autumn Term
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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers of 6T & 6P,

Welcome back to another school year. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

In this newsletter we will be explaining the programme of study for this term and clarifying our expectations concerning homework, reading and other school matters.

Numeracy and Literacy

Each morning the children will partake in the Numeracy and the Literacy hour. This will be taught using a range of fun, interactive strategies to really get your child thinking! It will build on your child's prior learning and help them develop their understanding of Maths and English.

Exciting Topics

This term we will be learning about:

- Rivers in Geography
- Bridges in Design Technology
- City Landscapes in Art
- The Internet in ICT
- Netball and Gymnastics in P.E.
- Buddhism in R.E.
- Composition in Music

and Materials and their Properties in Science lessons.

If you have any expertise in any of these areas or would be able to help provide resources or help then please let us know!

PE

6P will be doing PE on Tuesday and Thursday and 6T on Thursday and Friday.

Homework

The children will be given homework every week. This will include: Spellings and Times Tables as well as Numeracy and Literacy work related to the skills we are learning in class. More details can be found inside your child's Homework Book.

We really appreciate all of the support of parents/carers regarding the completion of homework tasks and hope that you can help us to ensure that your child's homework is completed and handed in every week.

Reading and Reading Records

As you know, reading records for Year 6 are a little different this year and your child has been asked to record their reading in a slightly different way.

However, the expectations of the amount they are to read have not changed. Each week the children will be asked to read a certain amount of their guided reading book. In addition to this, children should have a class reading book, which they are reading on a regular basis.

Water Water Everywhere

Rivers

This term our geography topic is Rivers. We are going to be learning all about where rivers begin and the journey the water takes from the source to the mouth. We will be learning about how rivers are used and will be learning more about our local river, the Wandle.

Later in the term we are planning on taking both classes to the river and will be looking for willing volunteers to come with us on our trip. So if you are keen to come along, please let your child's teacher know.

In other news, we will also be studying Bridges as part of our DT unit and looking at city landscapes in Art.



Therefore, we will be planning a visit to central London to sketch some of the key buildings, bridges and other features of the landscape along the River Thames.

Volunteers will also be needed for that trip too. So if you can help out, please let us know. Without the help of volunteers, invaluable trips like these would not be possible.

Reading continued...

This can be a book from home or one chosen from school, but they must ensure they have this class reading book with them in school everyday. Please encourage your child to read a range of materials; newspapers and comics count too!

As a class we will be reading *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd, and carrying out a unit of work related to the story.

Children are expected to read for 20 minutes every night and it is important that you listen to, and read to your child whenever possible. When this happens can you please write a sentence in their reading record to say that you have done this and sign it with your initials and the date.

As you are aware books are expensive. In the event of any school book lost or damaged a charge of £5.00 will be applied in order that it can be replaced.

Additional Information

If you would like to take the opportunity to come and meet the year 6 team we will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' on **Thursday 16th September at 2.45pm – 3.15pm**. We will be using this time to tell you a little more about what you and your child can expect from the year ahead.

Finally, if you have any concerns at all this term, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to getting to know both you and your children throughout the course of the coming year.

With thanks,

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