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Year 6 Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 6; Year 6 is a particularly special year and we will endeavour to make it especially memorable. We are pleased to report that the children have settled back into school life really well and seem genuinely happy to be here.

Here is an outline of what we will be covering this half term, it would be helpful if you could assist your child's learning by giving them opportunities to use the library, internet and your own knowledge as we explore these topics.

As your son or daughter is now in Year 6, we place a greater emphasis on the children being more independent and autonomous in their approach to organisational skills and work ethic. I have to say the children have already impressed us with their attitude and mature approach to the work we have covered so far. We will continue to encourage the children to complete **all work** (including homework) to their highest standard and to ensure that presentation and handwriting demonstrates both care and effort.

Maths

We start off in maths with place value: ordering and comparing numbers up to ten million. We will also look at negative numbers and decimals within this topic.

Children will then be learning about number sequences, written and mental strategies for calculations, multiplication and division of decimals, square and prime numbers and coordinates.

It is vitally important that your child knows their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. In Year 6, the pace is fast, there is a lot to get through and we do not have time to go back and teach times tables that should have been embedded by the end of Year 4. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to consolidate and reinforce the instant recall of tables facts. They will need these across most areas of Maths and without them they will struggle. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Remember your child has access to mathletics and TT Rockstars to assist with this.

English

We will be following the whole book approach for English and this half term will be will be studying books including: Here we are by Oliver Jeffers and There's a boy in the girl's bathroom by Louis Sachar. Children will write fiction and non fiction pieces of writing based on these texts. They are really exciting texts and we really look forward to teaching them.

As a school we encourage the children to read every day of the week at home and at school. Regular reading is very important in consolidating what the children are learning at school. It is important that the children continue to develop their comprehension and decoding skills so please take every opportunity to share books with your child. The children will also have regular opportunities for independent reading for pleasure.

Homework

A short homework task will be given every day in order to prepare the children for the daily homework demands they will face in Year 7! It is very important that all homework tasks are completed as they are either a task to reinforce class learning or an activity to prepare for future class learning. Children will be given two days to complete homework tasks (slightly longer for research work). Homework will be set online on Google Classroom. The children will bring home their log ins this week and the first homework set on Google Classroom will be on Friday (18th). From Monday 21st daily homework will start. Spellings will be given out every week ready for a test a week later in the week. We attach the spellings to this letter. Please start with week one spellings this week.

Homework Timetable

Given on	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English	Maths	English	Maths	Topic/Research based
Hand in on	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Monday	Monday

Websites/resources

TT Rockstars (you were given a username and password just before lockdown)

Mathletics

White Rose maths – we follow the scheme at school and they have some online resources for home learning

Oak Academy – set up during lockdown to provide online learning and content still being added

BBC Bitesize

PE

PE has started with basketball and will be taught by one of the Skillz coaches. Until further notice the children should come in to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit.

Amethyst – Monday

Violet - Tuesday

Themes this half term

History – Crime and Punishment

Science - Classifying Organisms

RE – Loving and Judaism (other faith)

SATS

All Year 6 children across the country, will take SATs tests in May 2021. They will be formally tested in maths, Reading Comprehension and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. There is no formal test for writing as the children's writing is assessed throughout the year. We will send out further information about SATs later this term.

We are really looking forward to working with both you and your child. If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to email and make an appointment to speak to us on the phone or virtually. There is so much that is still uncertain at the moment so we really hope we will be able to do some of the special and unique Year 6 trips and celebrations.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Miss Holloway, Mrs Munn, Miss Kelly and Mrs Cormican