

Autumn Newsletter

Year 6



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable time over the summer holiday. I have an exciting term planned for your child and hope they will enjoy learning through the varied experiences we are going to have.

Year 6's topics and themes

This term's main topic will be Africa. Within the topic, we will explore the geography of Africa, research the history of Apartheid and study instrumental African figures such as Nelson Mandela and Stephen Biko.

Maths will be split into five areas: number, ratio and proportion, algebra, geometry and measurement and statistics. In maths, times tables are vitally important if the children are going to make good progress. Using internet games or board games can help reinforce them in a fun and enjoyable way - links have been made available on our website.

Our first science topic this term will be concerned with living things and their habitats, focusing on adaptations and evolution.

Throughout the term, we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts to continue improving their fluency, understanding and deduction skills. I would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

Practical information

We prepare for early morning activities for the class from 8:50am and would encourage your child to access these by coming in as soon as they can from this time. Registers are taken at 9.00am.

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring bottles of water each day as long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home every night for washing and refilling.

Please make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name - any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE and School Sport

Our PE lessons will be scheduled for specific afternoons, but please make sure your children have PE kit in school throughout the week. During the colder months, your children should bring additional layers on top of their school PE kit. This can include tracksuit trousers and a light jacket or jumper. We will endeavour to go out regardless of the weather.

Homework

Spelling

A word list for the weekly spellings will be sent home every Monday with spelling tests taking place on the following Monday. It is essential that your children practise their spellings thoroughly. I have uploaded the Year 5 & 6 Spelling List to the Year 6 page of the school website.

Guided Reading

Guided reading homework will be given on the day of the guided reading session and is due the following week. On the morning of the due date, children are expected to put their homework book in the yellow drawer at the back of the classroom.

My Maths

My Maths homework will be set every Friday and will be due the following Friday. My Maths is an online resource that your children should be familiar with. Making the most of this opportunity to practise areas that we have recently covered in lessons must not be missed.

Class Webpage

Homework will be uploaded on a weekly basis to the Year 6 class webpage where it can be accessed at any time. Paper copies will also be sent home as usual.

Laches Wood

As a reminder, we will be making the trip to Laches Wood for our Year 6 residential on September 19th to 21st. If you have any questions or queries about any aspect of the trip, please let me know.

I am looking forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child. Please get in touch if you wish to discuss any part of the year with me.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Hancock