



Tuesday 6th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer-we are delighted to welcome the children back to Year 6.

We will be hosting a **face-to-face 'Coffee Morning' on Wednesday 13th September at 9:15am-9:45am**, where we will explain more about the year ahead and be able to discuss any questions from parents regarding the curriculum. Please wait by the office to be let in.

**Woods** - Year 6 will be going to the woods with Go Wild as part of our outdoor learning provision. **6T will be going Wednesday 20th September, followed by 6G on Wednesday 27th September.** We will send further information regarding this closer to the time.

**Homework** – This will be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due on Wednesdays. Each child has been given a homework book with their homework inside. Each week, the children are expected to read daily, practise their spellings and complete a maths sheet (following on from the week's learning). Homework needs to be completed in the homework book. If your child does not understand anything, please do not hesitate to ask for help from the class teacher.

**Reading** - To be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. Books can be borrowed from school or brought in from home. Reading journals will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher. In Year 6, we expect a minimum of 4 entries per week and will be checked on a weekly basis (Friday's).

**Spelling** - Children will receive a half-termly overview of their weekly spellings to practise at home, alongside spelling lessons at school. Children will be tested on a Friday.

**Phones** - Children must hand in their phones at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Each class has their own phone box; phones will be stored in a locked cupboard during the school day as phones are not permitted during the school day. Please note, this also applies to other smart devices (e.g. smart watches).

**Pencil cases**- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school every day. Pencil cases should contain: HB pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue and coloured pencils (handwriting and editing pens will be provided by the school). Please note that sharpies are **not** allowed to be used at school. We also recommend that the children have a small (A5/A6) notebook for recording notes and methods in class, which they can then use to help with homework.

## Curriculum

**Maths** – This term will start with focussing on children’s understanding of number, place value and revising the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be focusing largely on arithmetic questions to ensure this is embedded.

**English** - We will be familiarising the children with writing for a variety of different audiences and purposes. This includes: letter, diary, recount, non-chronological report, newspaper article, advert . We will incorporate our topic learning with our English writing. There will also be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). In SPAG we will be revising word classes, commas, semi-colons, clauses, multi-clause sentences and learning the keywords for year 5 and 6. In English, we will begin by writing our own quest tales following the Talk for Writing approach.

**Topic** – Our topic for the Autumn term is ‘The Americas’. Children will first find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them. They will also look in more detail at some of the contrasting regions of the Americas, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations of each area. Children will also develop their map and atlas skills and practise reading and writing coordinates. They will learn about the ancient and new wonders of the world, specifically those of the Americas, and they will research a natural wonder of the Americas and create their own presentations to teach others what they learn.

**Science** – We will be learning about light this half term through a range of theory and practical lessons. The children will consolidate and improve their understanding of how light travels, reflection & refraction, how to investigate what causes changes in shadow size as well as how we see colour.

**RE** - We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will learning about Christianity and explore sacred texts and inspirational writing.

**PE** – The children will have PE on Tuesday (indoors - taught by Mr Hurrion) and Friday (outdoors). Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days following the uniform policy. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain.

**Computing**- The focus for this half-term will be E-safety (sharing information online and knowing what is not safe to share) We will also be starting a unit on coding. We will design programs using children’s choice of objects, attributing specific actions to each using their new programming knowledge.

As you are now aware, we will now be using **Classdojo as a platform for sharing children’s learning, behaviour and for messages between school and home**. We will explain more about this at the coffee morning and answer any questions you may have. If you haven’t already, please make sure you sign up to your child’s account via the email link sent from the office. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are available most days before and after school or alternatively you can make an appointment through the office if this is not convenient.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 6 Team