

# Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

## Welcome to Year 6!

We hope you had the best summer and you are ready to start your learning in Year 6. We are so excited to teach you and share this amazing year with you. Year 6 is one of the best and most special years of primary school. You will work very hard and make super progress, as well as participating in lots of fun activities and opportunities which will help you grow ensuring you are ready for your next adventures in secondary school. So, Alpaca and Kookaburra class, what are you looking forward to in year 6 and what are you hoping to achieve?

Read the rest of this newsletter to find out what we will be learning about in the first term of Year 6...

## English

In English, we will be starting the term by studying the text *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. We will be looking at different genres/styles of writing and applying key features to our own writing. We will continue to look at different areas of SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) each week and ensure these are always applied in our writing.

## Maths

Within the first term, we will be focusing on place value and looking at numbers up to 10,000,000. Then, we will be moving onto the 4 operations (+, -, x and ÷). We will be looking at the formal written methods to solve these calculations. As always, we will then apply our skills to reasoning and problem solving questions.

## Reading

You will be expected to read every day with a comment in your contact book about what you have read. We do ask parents to check and sign contact books daily, in case there are any messages which have been communicated, as well as, looking at the reading progress of your child. Adults in school will also be checking the contact books daily for any messages from parents.

In school, we will have guided reading sessions in class which will be based around VIPERS. In addition to this, you will have reading for pleasure time.

## Curriculum

In history, we will be learning about the Mayans. Maps and North America will be the focus in Geography. In science, we will start by looking at living things, then moving onto investigating materials. Due to our curriculum design and learning in milestones, you should have already looked at these topics on a basic level in Year 5. We will look deeper at these topics in Year 6. We will also have exciting lessons in art, DT, computing and MFL.

## PE

This term we will have **outdoor PE** on **Monday** afternoons and **indoor PE** on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure on both days you come into school in your PE kit. Earrings should not be worn during PE lessons, so it is advised to keep them at home.

## Reminders for parents:

- The school day has been **extended** by 5 minutes so the new pick-up time will be 3:20. School start time will still be 8:45 with the gate closing at 8:50. Children will use the Year 6 gate at the side of the hall.
- If you would like your child to walk home, please give permission on Arbor.
- If your child walks to school, they are allowed to bring their mobile to school, but it has to be handed to the office before they go into school.
- Homework will be set on a **Friday** and due back on **Wednesday**. A homework club will be offered on **Thursday** lunchtime every week.

## Final note...

We are excited to teach your children and want to work with the children and parents alike to achieve the best for the children. We know the children will love the learning we have planned this year and ask you support your children with their learning at home. Encouraging children with reading, homework, TTRS and Spelling Shed will have the greatest impact on their learning. If you do have any questions about their learning, please ask

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