

Year 6 Autumn Term

Meet the team:

The Year 6 team consists of Mrs Stirling-Wood (6HSW) and Mr Abbas (6AA).

We are ably supported by Mrs Robson who will help us to do the very best for your child.

PE is taught weekly by our new PE coach, Mr Halstead.



Welcome to Year 6!

We are excited to welcome your children back to school, and especially excited to be teaching them in Year Six!

English

In English, we will be studying Darwin's *Dragons* by Lindsay Galvin, and using this to inspire our writing. We will begin to revisit areas of the curriculum that the children covered in previous years to embed this learning, as well as teaching the elements of the curriculum which are new to Year Six.

We will teach reading through a range of high-quality texts across the week, securing the children's reading skills. This year, we will continue to use Accelerated Reader and children will choose their books from the KS2 Reading Library. We encourage children to read at home at least three times a week, which should be recorded in reading diaries.

Maths

This term is focused on Place Value, Four Operations and then Fractions. We will revise and then build on these areas of Maths to strengthen their mathematical foundations, whilst stretching the children to apply this knowledge and understanding in new contexts. Every day, the children will work on their fluency skills as well, helping them to increase their accuracy and speed in core areas of arithmetic.

Science

Our first Science topic in Year Six is Evolution and Inheritance, where the children will learn about how plants and animals adapt, evolution theory, natural selection, and genetic inheritance, as well as learning about the life and work of important scientists, such as Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. We are currently organising a trip to learn more about Mary Anning, and you will receive a letter about this shortly.

Wider Curriculum

We start the year with our first Geography topic, where we will be exploring geography on a large scale, looking at world climates, biomes and why these differ depending on location. Our history topic in the second half of the term will focus on the Vikings in Britain. In RE, the children will reflect on what we can learn from religious scriptures.

PE

PE will be taught on a Tuesday and Friday. The children should come to school dressed in their PE kit (a reminder of the school uniform policy is available on the school website). Year Six are covering multisport.

Breaktime snacks

Snacks for playtime should be healthy (fruit/cereal bars) and should not contain nuts. Toast, flapjacks and pizza muffins are available to order through the school money app.

SATS

As you already know, this is an important year in school for the children, culminating in the SATs examinations in May! Your children will be prepared as well as they can be to sit these. We will let you know how you can support your child throughout the year, and will provide further information about SATs nearer the time.

Keep in touch

Finally, we are here to support you as much as the children! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you have.