

# Y6 Newsletter

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Don't be Late – Be on Time – School starts at ¼ to 9.

## Welcome to Y6 2016-2017

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. Year 6 is a very important year in primary school. Not only are children about to leave primary school but they also have important statutory tests to sit in May which will determine their ability groupings at secondary school. There is a lot to learn in a short space of time so it is very important to start straight away in September and make every minute count towards our learning. We have 4 classes in Year 6; Mrs Blyth will teach class 16 supported by Mr Farrington. Mrs Davison and Miss Marley will teach class 17 supported by Mrs Evans. Mrs Merritt will teach class 18 supported by Miss Dodsworth and Mrs Dalton will teach class 19 supported by Miss Purcell. Mrs Jackson will provide extra support on a morning for reading and spelling. Miss McTeer will work in Year 6 on an afternoon and provide children help with their mathematics work. Mrs McLean will be teaching science to the Year 6 children on a Friday afternoon.

The register is taken at 8:55 am and any children arriving after this time should report to the school office.

## Learning in Y6

### Literacy

This half term we will be studying short stories and a longer novel - 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Children will have weekly spellings to learn through our SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). We will be writing biographies and learning about how we can improve our writing.

#### How can I help at home?

Test your child's spellings regularly and encourage daily reading. At this age most children can read independently, but discussing and answering questions about the text will prepare them for SATs and secondary school.

### Maths

In maths pupils will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000 and the calculation skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Fractions, decimals and percentages will follow then the focus will move to geometry and the properties of shapes.

### Y6 Learning Contexts

Autumn 1 - ID and Hola Mexico  
- We begin the year with ID with looks at themselves and their identity. This topic is revisited in Summer 2 as the children begin to look at changes that are happening

when moving to secondary school. We then look at all things Mexican through our Hola Mexico topic.

Autumn 2 - This half-term begins by looking at World War 1 with a special World War 1 week starting on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Following this week we move on to World War 2. A Child's War - We look at the impact of the Battle of Britain on the children and also study the impact of war on the local area.

### **How can I help at home?**

We ask that parents and carers support their child's learning in a number of ways:-

**Talk to your child** each day about what they have been doing at school, what they have learned and what they are looking forward to the next day.  
**Support your child with their homework tasks.** Homework is usually sent home on a Friday and we ask that it is returned by the following Tuesday. If children need help from the teacher with their homework we encourage them to bring it to school before the Tuesday deadline.

**Encourage your child to read.** Pupils should change their book weekly if possible.

More on the back ➡



## Home - School Partnership

We value a strong partnership between home and school. We believe that when this partnership is strong pupils make the most of what school can offer.

Class teachers are available, at the Y6 exit door, informally at the end of each day if you have any concerns or quick questions.

Alternatively you may make an appointment to meet together at a mutually convenient time.

You will soon receive an appointment time for you and your child to come in to school to a **triangulation meeting**. The purpose of this meeting is to meet the class teacher and discuss progress and targets for the year. These meetings are timed to take place in weeks beginning 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**We will be sending some important forms to be signed in the next few days.** These give permission for your child to join in school trips and to have their photograph taken. Please return the signed forms straight away.

## Visits

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November Y6 will be visiting **Heugh Battery** in Hartlepool to get a taste of what it was like for soldiers in the trenches during WW1.

Then, on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November we are going on a trip to **Eden Camp** as part of our 'A Child's War' topic.

A letter with further details will be sent home in a few weeks.



## PE Kits



Children in Y6 will have PE on Friday afternoons with Mr Farrington.

### How can I help at home?

Please ensure that all PE kit is named as it easily gets muddled up when pupils get changed even in Year 6! Please remember that we **don't** allow children to wear football kits for PE. Ensure they have their complete PE kit in school. Navy blue PE t-shirts can be bought from the office. When the weather becomes colder, the children will require a tracksuit for outdoor PE. It is also important that the children have the correct footwear for PE such as plimsolls or trainers. **No jewellery** is to be worn for PE. **Please remove earrings and other jewellery on PE days.**

## Reading at home

We all know the phrase 'practise makes perfect'. In Year 6 we believe that phrase to be absolutely true. Part of this practise needs to include reading at home. Whether it is stories, newspapers, comics or blogs on the internet, all reading supports your child's fluency and learning and enables your child to access more of the curriculum. Please help us

to help your child and encourage daily reading at home for at least 15 minutes.

## Web Learning

We are very lucky in Year 6 to have regular use of a set of iPads. It is always good for children to practice their learning outside of school. If you would like to know which apps we use in school, please contact a member of Year 6 and we can send a list home with your child. Why not ask your child to show you some of the apps we use in school. This is a great way to engage with you child's learning and, as most of the apps are games based learning, you might just have some fun too!



→ Please ensure that all items of clothing are named as uniforms, especially jumpers can easily get mixed up. In Year 6 we encourage the children to look after their own jumpers and cardigans if they take them off.

→ All packed lunch boxes should be named and placed on their peg in the cloakroom at the start of the day. Y6 pupils are responsible for collecting their own lunch box at the start of lunchtime and put it on the trolley near the red door after they have eaten.

→ It is very important that we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. Please ensure that we



have your up to date contact details.

→ We use text messages to remind you of things and to share good news stories about your child

and their learning. Please make sure that the school office has your up to date mobile number.

