



**A huge warm welcome back to our new half term and school year to all our lovely parents and Year 6 children!**

Welcome back after a well-deserved summer break! We hope that the children are well rested and ready for a new term with lots of hard work, perseverance, and challenges ahead.

The Year 6 students have settled into their new classrooms, routines and learning with increasing confidence, and most importantly, fantastic levels of resilience, determination and excitement for the year ahead.

When following their timetable, they have demonstrated maturity and resilience when moving to their new space and smaller groups. It has been a fantastic experience for the teachers observing how positively Year 6 are tackling this challenge. These are fundamental skills that will prepare them for high school and their future education. We have also been given a fantastic opportunity to work closely with both Assistant Head teachers who will be delivering small groups of Maths and English

Year 6 will be a year of hard work, but with a lot of fun and enjoyment along the way. The children have already made their teachers so proud, and we cannot wait to begin this learning journey with all the children.

If you have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by making an appointment or sending an e-mail.

**The Year 6 Team.**

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**Specific information for the term:**

Children must bring to school their Chapelford Book Bags or bags that are able to fit into their trays. At this point for health and safety reasons, **we are unable to facilitate backpacks or rucksacks larger than these and these will not be able to remain in the classroom.**

Children should also not bring their own pencil cases or stationery into school as equipment is provided for the children.

PE will take place each week. Your child must have their PE kit in school which will remain in school. Children should arrive at school in their usual school uniforms on PE days as normal. PE this half term is invasion games.

If your child requires to bring their mobile phone into school, **a mobile phone agreement must be signed and returned to school** prior to this. Please see your child's class teacher should you require a copy of this.

Children must not come into school in trainers or with jewellery. If your child needs to come for a particular reason, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

**Homework**

**Homework will be set each Friday and due in the following Thursday. Homework will consist of English and Maths each week, plus a spelling or Grammar. One week, Maths will be set online via Mathletics.**

**Reading**

**As Year 6 is a crucial year, it is as equally important that children are reading at home 5 times. This will help with their comprehension and fluency. Reading records should be handed in to their class teacher every day and signed by parents on a Friday.**

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In English, the children have the opportunity to look at 2 books that are enriched with heart-warming situations and significant history. Here, they will create diaries, letters and descriptive writing including the Year 5 and 6 objectives to support their writing.



The texts are:  
Star of fear, Star of hope  
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas



During Art sessions, the children will be developing their sketching skills from previous years. This will then be accompanied by painting and collage work. They will be creating final artwork in the style of Patrick Hughes (born 1939).

During DT sessions, they will be continuing their collaging knowledge but incorporating fabric and different textures.

History: Year 6 will be revisiting their Ancient Maya knowledge from Year 5 before moving on to look at the Windrush Generation.

In Geography, the children will revisit World Countries and Biomes from Year 5. Discussing and exploring how animals are adapted to the different biomes which links nicely to their science topic. They will then look at a comparison of the UK.

In Computing, they will start to look at internet safety and how to stay safe online. They will do this by looking at computer networks.

In RE, the overarching question for Year 6 will be, **Is life like a journey?** Through this question, they will discover many different religions. The focus religion for Autumn 1 is Christianity God.

During Music, Year 6 have the privilege this term of learning how to drum. We have an outside agency who are delivering these sessions and it will be a fantastic experience for them all.

During PSHE, we will be ensuring the children are settling into their routine positively. Alongside this, we will be learning about increased independence opportunities.

In Maths, Year 6 will be focusing on the place value of digits. These numbers will include 7-digit numbers. Here, they will find out how to partition them in numerous ways and the value of each digit. Place value forms the fundamental knowledge that will be transferred across all areas of Maths.

Year 6 will then be moving on to addition and subtraction throughout the Autumn 1 term.

In Science, the children will be studying animals including humans with a revisit of animals including humans from Year 5. This will include looking at how animals are adapted to certain climates and habitats.

In PE, Year 6 will be focusing on invasion games such as handball. It will have a developing focus of precision and control. This corresponds with their REAL PE unit of co-ordination and ball skills.