

# Welcome to Year 6

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you have had a good summer and are looking forward to what this year has in store.

This term our topic is called 'On The Edge' where we will focus on Coastal Geography and map reading skills. We will focus on key scientists such as Mary Anning and Charles Darwin, and learn about fossils and the information that they provide about change over time.

Year 6 is an important year for the children, every extra effort put in by teachers, parents and children improves chances of accelerated progress and ensure a strong start at Secondary School. We ask that you support your child's learning as much as you can by ensuring homework is completed and any concerns are brought to our attention as soon as possible. Homework is important to further embed the classroom learning and encourage organisational and time management skills that will be vital in secondary school.

Reading is always a focus for year 6 - reading to your child or your child reading aloud to an adult or quietly to themselves should still be an important learning activity at home on a daily basis, even if your child is a fluent reader. Reading regularly supports the acquisition of vocabulary and comprehension of texts. Invariably, children who do this stand out in writing, general knowledge and comprehension activities. Strong home working habits now will make transition so much easier.

We are planning to do indoor PE on a Wednesday afternoon and outdoor PE on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that appropriate, named kit is in school on these days. We would appreciate it if you could adhere to the school uniform code when providing your children with PE kit, which ensures that we still look smart. PE kit includes: a white t-shirt, dark shorts, trainers and dark jogging bottoms and sweatshirt if desired. We would also suggest leaving kit in school throughout the week in case an impromptu session takes place. The children will leave school each Friday

in their PE kits to ensure they are washed over the weekend and brought back on Monday.

Both of us are happy for you to contact us via a message on Dojo or alternatively you can pop into class in the morning or after school if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working alongside you this year to make the children's learning journeys as fun and as successful as possible.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Mr Scarisbrick and Mr Parsons  
Year 6 Teachers

**Homework to be set:**

- Daily reading
- Variety of spelling activities will be set on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday. We will test spellings on a Monday morning.
- A History/Geography/Literacy or Maths activity will be set on a Friday to be completed over the weekend, due on Monday.

**Rewards:**

We do things slightly differently in year 6 - we use raffle tickets as a reward system, the children can earn raffle tickets for a range of positive learning behaviours around the classroom. The child is given the ticket, they put their name on it and place it into the raffle box, they accumulate tickets as the week progresses and then the teacher picks out winners from the box at the end of the week. The more tickets a child earns, the more likely they are to win a prize. If their ticket is chosen, they pick a prize from a prize box. We have found this to be much more successful than Dojo points. The children will still work towards an end of term reward as normal.