



Year 6 Autumn Newsletter



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Welcome back to school!

I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer! September is always an exciting time and it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children to Year 6 these last two weeks! We've already gotten off to a great start and the children have been impressing me with their enthusiasm and maturity. I just know that we're in for a fab year if they keep this up!



Reading



To support the children to make progress this year, please encourage them to read, read and read! The bigger variety in authors and styles, the better!

I can't emphasise enough how much reading impacts children's progress in all subjects and it is the single biggest thing that they can do at home to help themselves prepare for the year ahead!

A wide vocabulary is key this year so please talk to children about any words they don't understand and encourage them to use any new words to embed them further.

Spellings

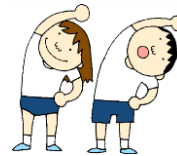
Spellings are another important area of focus for the children this term. Spellings will be taught in school and the website will have a list of focus words so that you can see what we have been learning. Children will also bring home a set of the Year 5 and 6 focus words with their gaps indicated. If you could support them to learn these, it would be greatly appreciated.

P.E.

Please ensure your child comes in wearing their kit on the days they have P.E. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be covered.

Our P.E days are:

Monday and Wednesday



Homework



Children will write down what homework they have for the week in their (new!) homework diaries.

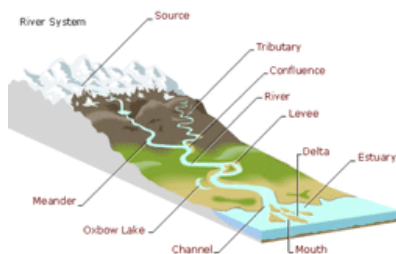
This year, the expectation is...

Weekly homework will be on the website - it may be an LBQ, Times table rockstars challenge or White Rose video for the children to watch and answer questions on. Homework will be targeted to plug gaps in learning and consolidate work completed that week in class.

Termly Home Learning is on the website and also handed out at the beginning of term. It allows children to pursue their own interests and is closely linked to the termly topic. Children will then present their home learning in the gallery, held in the hall, where all classes and parents are invited to come and see the children's hard work.

Autumn Term Theme

Our theme this term is called "Brazil and The Amazon!" We kicked the topic off with our sparkly start, watching the film "Rio" while we made carnival masks! The topic will cover rivers, the Amazon rainforest and the country of Brazil.



Website

Our newsletters, home learning sheets, useful websites and updates on our learning can be viewed on our very own Class 6 page!

Staff in Year 6
Teacher: Miss Cutler
UKS2 Teaching Assistant:
Mrs Hall (mornings)

Year 6

Year 6 is a big year for the children - one that will be about hard work, friendship and making lasting memories! As Year 6 is all about getting the children ready for high school, it is vital that we encourage and develop the children's independence to make that transition as smooth as possible. I will be encouraging the children to become more independent and resilient this year and to communicate and behave in a way fitting for the eldest children in school.

SATs: Children across school (not just year 6) will be assessed each term, which helps teachers spot gaps and reassess future planning. The children will be exposed to previous SATs papers and we will use these, on occasions, as teaching resources. This means that when they sit their exams, the style of the papers and questions will be familiar and hopefully this will alleviate some of their worries. If a child receives regular support in class, they may be entitled to receive support for their SATs tests. This is usually in the form of extra time, a scribe, a quiet room or a reader (excludes reading paper). More details about SATs will be shared closer to the time! Please don't worry - we're a team and we'll tackle it together!

Dates for your diary

- Monday 23rd September Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 23rd September Y6 Forest School
- Friday 27th September KS2 Times Table Rock Star Day
- Friday 4th October - Harvest Festival
- Tuesday 8th October School and Nursery photographs
- Monday 21st October Science Week in school
- Tuesday 22nd October Parents Evening
- Thursday 24th October Parents Evening
- Thursday 24th October Break up for half-term
- Friday 25th October School and Nursery closed Teacher Training
- Monday 11th November Y6 Forest School
- Friday 15th November Children in Need
- Monday 16th December School visit to pantomime Sleeping Beauty
- Friday 20th December School and Nursery break up for Christmas

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I'm always available after school, via email (cutler.kl@welearn365.com) or by phone. Miss Cutler ☺