

Curriculum Newsletter Y6



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a relaxing holiday. Here we are in the final term of Year 6. This is the final hurdle for the children to leap over, before they explore pastures new. If the children continue to work with the same effort and enthusiasm as before the holidays, then we should be in for a very successful ending to our time together at Yarm Primary School.

This term will be similar in terms of staffing, working in Year 6 this year will typically be Mr Jefferies, Mr Smith, Mrs Wood, Mrs Meek and Miss Dale. In Year Six, we are lucky to have Mr Newton delivering Music on a Friday and Madame Vardy delivering French on a Wednesday afternoon. We also have Joanna delivering PE and dance respectively on a Wednesday afternoon.

Our main topics for the first half-term will be 'Rivers' and we will also be focussing on our learning in Geography and English through the book, 'The Dam'. In the second half of the term, we will be connecting our learning through some 'mini' topics', for example a History topic of 'The Shang Dynasty' and making connections between previously visited topics.

In English, we will be teaching units on a range of genres. This will begin with letter writing, before moving on to information texts and leaflets. Across school, in Maths, we are focussing on problem solving skills, developing logical thinking and working through things systematically, this will involve real-life problems and investigations.

As well as these main topics, the children will also be covering other areas of the curriculum in discreet lessons. During this term, we will be continuing the work on Sex and Relationships Education that began back in the Autumn term. We encourage the children to ask questions around this and will happily support you if the need arises at home.

For the first couple of weeks, our main focus will be SATs preparation, making sure the children are as prepared and relaxed as possible for the assessments. During SATs week, all children are invited to join us for breakfast from 8.30am. The children will not have to pay for this and it is optional, however, we recommend that all children attend to ensure everything goes smoothly.

In the build-up to the residential, we will be learning about Northumberland. For those children who remain in school, learning opportunities will take place to compliment the learning in Northumberland.

As has been the expectation all year, all children must continue to complete their homework and this needs to be returned by the Thursday of the following week. Failing to do this will result in Golden Time being used to complete the work.

We will be in touch with how we intend to make the end of the year special.

If there is anything you would like to know more information about then please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your support,
Year 6 Team

