

Welcome to Year 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! It has been fantastic having everybody back safe, healthy and happy. Year 6 is such a rewarding year but it is not without its challenges – this year more than most! This week (first full week back) we are conducting baseline tests in order to help us assess gaps in knowledge that may have emerged over the course of lockdown. These are nothing to worry about, they are to help us help the children. It isn't all test, test, test though. We are ensuring that the children are getting the opportunity to enjoy what is left of our good weather with plenty of PE, time to catch up with their friends and get back into the swing of school, as well as all of our other fantastic lessons. As I mentioned, Year 6 is such a rewarding year, the children will get the opportunity to lead the school as head girl / boy, house captains etc. and will be able to enjoy buddying reception children when it is safe to do so. A lot of growing up happens in Year 6 and Miss Atkinson and I are looking forward to helping the children grow as people and learners.

A few notes on how we are going to be doing things in Year 6!

Homework in Year 3

Homework will be given out each Friday.

Spellings - Each week your child will be given a list of spellings to learn. They will either follow a spelling rule or be words that your child has identified as needing to learn. You can practise these in any way that you want. Some suggestions would be using the spellings in a sentence, finding other spellings that follow the same rule or the old classic, 'look, say, cover, write, check'. Whatever works best for your child is the best way to practise spellings. Tests will be the following Friday.

Times Table Rockstars – Each child has been set up with an account on Times Table Rockstars; a website we use at school for children to build their fluency in times tables. The children are all used to TTRS and enjoy challenging their friends.

I will regularly be setting challenges for the children, these could be against other year groups or within our year group, so please remind your child to log on!

Their login information is in their reading diary – or you can message me on ClassDojo and I will try to get it to you if they have lost it).

Reading Plus – Reading plus is another online resource that we use at school to build their reading skills. We will be looking at this together in class next week so there is no need to do anything with this at the moment. I will be in touch when we have set them all up and are ready to go with that explaining what to do.

There will also occasionally be some topic homework sent out, it may be a creative project, some research or something that I need them to do in preparation for a new topic. This will be communicated by me either on ClassDojo or their reading diary.

PE

This will be on Tuesdays with me, Wednesdays with Mrs Dury and Fridays for Enrichment.

Please send your child into school dressed in their PE kit. We are wanting to eliminate the chance of spreading germs by eliminating the possibility of spreading clothes around school.

I will be updating the school website with what we are doing in class on a regular basis. This information can be found on the 'Home Learning' section of our website.

If you have any questions please feel free to catch me at the end of the day or message me on ClassDojo,

Thank you so much for your support!

Mr. Johnson