

Welcome to Year Six

Class Teachers: Miss Brown, Mrs Marsden and Miss Ratcliffe

Welcome to Year Six, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

Year Six Day

- School begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm – please aim to have your child ready to enter the school building at 8.45am promptly as we will be starting lessons every day at 8.50am.
- Morning playtime is 11.00am – 11.15am
- Lunchtime is 12.30pm – 1.30pm - the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a weekly rota

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning playtime
- Year Six use lockers, so please use suitably sized rucksacks (if they are needed)
- Children are provided with writing equipment and a pencil case, which they take responsibility for and is kept in school
- On days when the class has PE, the children will be asked to come in wearing their PE kits. The days for Year Six will be confirmed in September.

Reading

- Year Six children are expected to be independent readers who choose their own books to enjoy during the school day. These can be brought for home or borrowed from our extensive library collection
- Children take ownership for changing their own reading book and time is allocated for this during their Library sessions
- Your child will take part in daily Guided Reading or Class Novel sessions with their teacher
- Adults will read with targeted pupils individually during the week and a note will be recorded in their reading record book
- Guided Reading Home Learning will also be set fortnightly
- Each child has access to a Library book which they can change during their weekly session

Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks independently
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- In preparation for High School, Year Six pupils may also be set an additional piece of Home Learning on top of the weekly tasks, this may include using online platforms to consolidate prior learning
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers

- Other online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school. In Year Six these include Spelling Shed, TT Rockstars, Prodigy and Read Theory

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team we are always happy to arrange a time for this via admin@gorseybank.org.uk
- One member of the team will be available at the Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) door every morning and at home time, any messages will be shared with the rest of the team
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and March, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes (our Tweets can be viewed on our website page (see below) for any parents not using Twitter)

Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the UKS2 door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection
- Year Six pupils are permitted to walk home with parental permission. Should you wish for your child to walk home from school independently, please notify the Year Six team of this in writing

SATs

- These are tests which Year 6 children across the country sit in May of each year
- The children sit tests in Reading, Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) – writing is assessed by Class Teachers rather than being tested in the same way
- We will be discussing SATs further with the children and yourselves over the course of the year but in the meantime they are **not** something for either you or them to worry about!

Year Six Highlights...

- Residential
- Reception Buddies
- House Captains
- Author visits (virtual and in person)
- KS2 Carol Service at the Wilmslow URC
- Rex Cinema visit
- Transition days at High School
- Forest School
- Upper Key Stage 2 Production
- Leavers Events



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