



Welcome to Year Six

Class Teachers: Mr Johnson, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs Thompson

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 8.40am when the bell rings and ends at 3.10pm
- Morning playtime is 11.10am – 11.25am
- Lunchtime is 12.45pm – 1.45pm - the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a three-week rota

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning playtime
- In Key Stage 2 (KS2) school lunches are available, these will need paying for
- 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 their lockers
- In KS2 the uniform consists of shirt and ties

Reading

- During the year in Guided Reading your child will read a range of texts of varying genres with a teacher - the key learning focus will be referred to in direct teaching sessions as well as being reinforced and practised during independent follow up activities
- Library visits will continue to take place on a weekly basis and children will have choice over which text they would like to read to promote 'reading for pleasure'
- We read our Class Novel daily. This is used to inspire learning across the curriculum

Spellings

- In Year Six, children will be taught following the No Nonsense Spelling programme - spelling knowledge, conventions, patterns and rules are taught through these sessions
- At the beginning of each half term children will receive a list of 20 spellings, they will be tested in groups of 5 each Wednesday for the remaining of the half term
- At the beginning of the half term children will complete a 'pre-test' of all 20 spellings - this will then be repeated at the start of the next half term to see how many words have been remembered
- These spellings are made up of statutory words for Year Five and Year Six, as well as recapping previous years words and spelling patterns

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 task, this may include using online platforms to consolidate prior learning
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers

Home School Communication

- Year Six Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- One member of the Year Six 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 Year Six 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

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
- Should you wish for your child to walk home from school independently, please notify the Year Six team of this in writing
- Kids GB is available after school

Year 6 Highlights...

- Residential
- Reception Buddies
- House Captains
- Transition days at High School
- Forest School
- Upper Key Stage 2 Production
- Leavers Events



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