

Welcome to Year Six

Class Teachers: Miss Ashworth | Miss Brown | Mrs Turvey

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Thomas | Mrs Aitkin | Mrs Jones

Additional Teaching Staff: Miss Cheetham | Miss Hooker

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 essential information with you:

Reading

- Children will read with their Class Teacher in Guided Reading sessions
- Children will bring home an age-appropriate book as well as a library book
- We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child
- Your child's Reading books, and Reading Record should be brought into school each day

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 mostly independently, but can be supported
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers
- 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
- 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:
 - This includes Spelling Shed, Maths Shed and Times Tables Rockstars. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- A member of the Year Six team will be available on the Upper Key Stage Two door every morning and at the end of the school day
- 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
- 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 Gorseley Weekly is sent out every Friday

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning breaktime (please ensure there are no nuts)
- Children have the option of School Lunches (available to be purchased) or bringing their own packed lunch (please ensure there are no nuts)
- Children will have access to their own locker, so please use suitably sized rucksacks (if needed)
- On PE days, children are to come to school in their PE kits. The PE Days in Year 6 are **Monday** and **Wednesday**.
- Uniform remains the same as last year – [full guidance on this can be found here](#)

Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the Upper Key Stage Two 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, this can be done on the door or through contacting the school office
- Children in Year Five are permitted to walk home with parental permission. Should you wish for your children to walk home independently, please notify the Year Five team of this in writing

SATs

- These are national tests which Year Six children across the country sit in May of each year
- The tests will be in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)
- Writing is assessed by Class Teachers rather than being tested
- We will discuss SATs further with the children and yourselves over the course of the year



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Or our year group page:

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