



Welcome to Year Six

Class Teachers: Mrs Van Den Brande | Miss Bailey

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

Additional Teaching Staff: Mrs Austin | Mr Gorman

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:

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 or be another hard copy task

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
- The children will have reading records that are checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The children are expected to read 5+ times a week and if they achieve this, they will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a draw for a trip to Waterstones at the end of each term.

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- A member of the Year Five team will be available on the Upper Key Stage Two door every morning and both 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@gorsebybank.org.uk
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors

- Parents' Evenings happen in October and February, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly is sent out every Friday

Behaviour Points

- As part of our UKS2 approach to behaviour, in Year 6 we introduce behaviour points in order to develop independence and is in line with behaviour routines beyond into high school so is preparing them for this transition.
- We are focusing on the children's organisational skills for behaviour points so a behaviour point will be given if your child does not hand in home learning on a Monday, does not share their reading record on a Monday or does not bring their spelling book in for the spelling test on a Wednesday. We are keen to promote the children's independence and develop their organisational skills by making them accountable for having these things in school on the correct days. If a behaviour point is given three times or more per half term then there will be a consequence of five minutes break time missed in line with our school behaviour policy.
- We are also happy to be able to share positive comments to celebrate anything that your child has done well in school.
- BromCom will be used for communication with parents so you will know if your child has any behaviour points if you have the notifications turned on for the app. It would be helpful if you could follow up with the children at home about this.

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. They do not need to bring their own pencil cases.
- 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 Tuesday and Friday.
- 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



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