

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year Six.

I hope you have all had a good break and are looking forward to the new year. The children have made a good start in Year 6 and are getting used to the change in routines, expectations and Year 6 way of working.

Learning-

Attached to this letter is an overview of this term's learning. A curriculum and welcome to Year 6 talk for parents and carers will take place on Thursday 14th September at 3.00pm; the children are welcome to come and listen too.

Our topic, The Egyptians, will provide the stimulus for our reading and writing with the children learning how to write non-chronological reports, recounts and explanation texts. We will also write our own Night at the Museum stories which will be written and set in the Ashmolean Museum and will involve visits to the museum on Wednesday 27th September and Thursday 12th October..

On Tuesday 11th November 2017 Year 6 have a very special trip to visit the Houses of Parliament where we will meet an MP, learn about how our government works and study British Values.

In maths those who are not secure with their tables and division facts will be given extra help for the first few weeks but as a class we will focus on number and efficient operation methods using numbers from decimals to six figures. Children need these facts and methods to be able to work confidently and efficiently with decimals, fractions and percentages to enable them to answer the challenging multi-step problems in Year 6. Children already secure will have the opportunity to work on more challenging maths.

KIT

All children need a small named pencil case in school at all times with blue or black pens, pencils and a ruler. Coloured pencils, a yellow highlighter and a green pen are also very useful but it needs to fit in their drawer please. Felt or gel pens are not needed, nor are erasers.

PE is usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays but please make sure their named kit is always in school as times may change. All children need trainers in school at all times so they can use the field. All long hair must be tied back.

Homework

Homework for the term will be set on Tuesdays and Fridays and is due a week later. Everyone is expected to do their homework which is set to complement their learning in school. Please talk to your child about their homework and ensure they have everything they need to complete it on time. Year 6 is a good time to start encouraging independent homework and to make them responsible for remembering to do it on time. It is also important that they present their homework properly and use pencil or pen. I will be running a Monday After School Year 6 Homework Club until 4pm for anyone who would like some extra help or a quiet place to study. Permission slips for the year are attached and the first session will be on Monday 9th October. Once the permission slip is received I will assume they are coming every week unless you let me know otherwise.

Mobile phones

Most children seem to be given a mobile phone as part of the transition to secondary school as they are not allowed in primary school. However if your child needs a phone before or after school they must be handed in at the office during the school day for safekeeping.

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Our residential trip is coming up in February and a separate letter will follow.

Cycling Proficiency

We hope that all children will take part in cycling proficiency training this year but we are reliant on the goodwill of parent helpers. In particular we need a parent who would be willing to co-ordinate other helpers. If you would like to take on this role in the please come and speak to me ready for May. Likewise we will really need a class rep this year; again please let me know if you are interested in helping in their last year at primary school.

Home- School Communication

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or welfare please let me know either by coming in or leave a message and I will phone after school. It is important that your child knows we are working together to support their learning. Finally we need lots of newspapers for our topic. Any donations very gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Karen Donaghey

Year 6 Teacher/Deputy head

YEAR 6 PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child _____ to: (Please tick as appropriate)

- 1) Come to Homework Club on Mondays. He/she will be collected/make their own way home at 4 pm.
- 2) Visit the Ashmolean Museum to study the Egyptians Wednesday 27th September (afternoon) and Thursday 12th October (morning).
- 3) Visit the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 1st November leaving at 9am and returning at around 4.30pm
- 4) Watch PG films to complement lessons and visit the Odeon, George Street on the morning of Thursday 16th November to see *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* as part of the *Into Film Festival*.
- 5) Visit Junior Citizen at Rewley Road Fire Station to learn about safety afternoon of Monday 20th November
- 6) Go to the Co-op to buy materials for Year 6 projects accompanied by a TA
- 7) Help at PTA events and the Summer Fair if available to work on the Year 6 stalls.

We also have an Egyptian workshop in school on Thursday 14th September to start our topic.

The cost of these activities for the term is £21.50 Payment is voluntary however if you are able to contribute more than the amount stated it is always hugely appreciated as it helps us cover our costs. Please note if we do not receive enough funds we will have to cancel which would be a real shame.

I enclose £ _____

More details regarding trips will follow but children will need appropriate clothing and any medication for all visits.

Signed _____ Name _____

USEFUL DATES

Useful websites for YEAR 6 WORK.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.htm>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/math/index.html>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://nrich.maths.org/public/search.php?search=All%20Games>

<http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/vtc/2008-09/math/ks3-maths-investigation/picks/index.html>

Apps

Squeebles for addition subtraction multiplication and division practice.

Grammar Practice KS2