

Year 6

Autumn 1



Dear Families,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for the challenge of Year 6. We are very excited to welcome your children to Morpurgo and Zephaniah classes. Our fantastic year 6 team consists of Mrs Young and Mrs Larrett in Morpurgo class and Mr Pye and Mrs Barratt in Zephaniah class.

Our first year 6 topic is history based where we will be learning about the intriguing, ancient Maya civilisation.

This term we will begin our SATS preparation and we also have some exciting new initiatives to announce in due course!

We hope everyone enjoys their first term in year 6!

Drop off time:
8:35-8:40 through the playground
Pick up time:
3:20pm from the teatime door

PE

Year 6 PE day will take place on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in correct PE kit (white t-shirt and black/green/navy shorts) on that day. Football kits should not be worn for PE. Earrings also need to be removed or covered.

Planners

Children should ensure that their planner and reading book is in school every day.

Daily reading should be recorded at home and signed off by an adult each week. These will be checked every week.

ClassDojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning. Please let us know if you still need to connect on this service and we will be able to give you a code.

Homework

Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars homework should be completed each week.

Walking Home

Please inform the school office if your child will now be walking home. We must have your permission before we can allow this.

Autumn Term 1 - Monday 5th Sept - Friday 21st Oct

English

We will be starting the term looking at the story Hansel and Gretel and continuing the narrative using our own imaginations and ideas. Following on from this we will look at the novel Holes where we will be using both the book and the movie to produce our own short pieces of writing focusing on a number of key skills. This will work as preparation for us to then write our own ending to the story.

Our first class reading book will also be Holes. We will be reading this story in class and completing comprehension based questions following our VIPERS programme where we use the 6 key reading domains – vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising.

Maths

To begin the term we will be focusing on number skills. We will start with place value, which will include reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers up to ten million. After that, the focus will move onto calculations. We will recap both mental and written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) where the children will be extending their skills to multiply and divide 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and solve multi-step problems using the most appropriate methods. There will be additional daily arithmetic activities to build number fluency and confidence with choosing and applying methods. Children will be expected to practise their times tables using TT Rockstars at home each week.

MFL

French sport and the Olympics – We will conjugate the verb 'aller' – to go, identify correct prepositions, learn sports vocabulary and how to express preferences.

Physical Education

Our PE slot will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Our focus will be football this term where we will learning about effective passing, moving, attacking and defending.

R.E.

What is a church? – We will think about Christian places of worship and whether a church is a building, its people or both. We will think about the ways in which churches support members of the community and help others.

Art

Drawing: Make my voice heard – On a journey from the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art, children explore how artists convey a message. They begin to understand how artists use imagery and symbols as well as drawing techniques like expressive mark making, tone and the dramatic light and dark effect called 'chiaroscuro'.

PSHE

Family and relationships – We will learn to resolve conflict, explore respect and learn about the process of grief.

D.T.

Textiles – We will be selecting suitable fabrics, using templates, pinning, decorating and stitching to create a waistcoat for a person or purpose.

Science

This term the topic will be light. We will look at how light travels and what happens when light hits a surface. We will also look at how scientists have used this to create objects (such as periscopes) and what light actually looks like.

History

We will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. We will also learn about where they settled and how they were similar to the Anglo Saxons. We will also study their beliefs and the archaeological remains of their cities. We will finally learn about the decline of the Maya civilisation.

Computing

Online safety – We will be learning to think about the impact of sharing online, how to manage passwords effectively and strategies to help be protected online.