



Year 6 Newsletter September 2024

Welcome to Year 6. I hope you had an enjoyable summer break.

In Year 6, we strive to help the children grow in confidence, become more self-reliant and organised, build resilience, and take greater responsibility for their learning. These skills are essential as they prepare for the next step—high school, which will come around incredibly quickly!

The children will be taught by me from Monday to Wednesday, and Miss Robinson will take over on Thursday and Friday.

If your child has any worries, please encourage them to come and chat with me. The sooner we discuss any issues, the sooner they can be addressed.

I hope your child has a happy and successful time in Year 6, growing in both confidence and independence.

Mrs Cooper

Reading & Reading Books

Being a successful reader, both in fluency and comprehension, is a key life skill. Several times a week, usually after lunch, we set aside 10 minutes for silent reading, allowing the children to enjoy their books. These books are kept within the Year 6 classroom and are selected especially for this age group.

Your child will also have another book chosen from the school's *'take-home-reader'* section, which they can bring home. We don't have a specific day for changing books; neither do we 'run' a home-school record book. We do however, keep a record of what book your child is reading. Pupils are welcome to change their book once they have finished reading them. Please encourage your child to keep their book in the provided bag, especially when transporting it to and from school.

8:45-9:00 Warm-Up Time

For this half-term, we will focus on a range of revision tasks, including maths calculations, short comprehensions, handwriting, and spelling. This warm-up time allows the children to practise their skills and revise work from earlier years.

Art

Please can you provide a large shirt/ old t shirt for your child to put on over their uniform to avoid any stains on T-shirts and jumpers!

PE.

P.E. takes place every Wednesday afternoon, rain, or shine. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor games. **If they have a lightweight waterproof jacket, they are welcome to bring it for outdoor P.E.**

Mobile Phones

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, they will need to collect a mobile phone contract from the school office for you to complete.

In recent years, we've seen an increase in issues related to mobile phone and social media use outside of school, which have affected friendships and impacted teaching and learning time as we work to resolve these conflicts. Preventing these issues is incredibly helpful, so I ask that you speak with your child about cyberbullying and how to respond appropriately. This includes:

- Blocking 'friends' who send unpleasant messages.
- Telling an adult what has happened.
- Restricting access to age-appropriate sites

Please remember that almost all social media platforms have a minimum age requirement of 13+.

Addressing these issues takes time away from our curriculum and affects the children's learning and well-being.