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Article 19: Children have the right to be protected from harm.



28th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Transition to Year 6

Today the children had the opportunity to spend some time in Year 6. They really enjoyed looking around their new classroom, meeting their new teacher and all the grown-ups that will be helping them with their learning when they return to school in September.

Although routines and expectations are similar to those in Year 5, we have put together some information that we hope you will find useful in preparing your child for Year 6.

The Year 6 Team

6M -Teacher: Mrs Mawer (Year Leader)

6N -Teacher: Mr Nixon

6H -Teacher: Mrs Hannan

6YH – Teachers: Mrs Young and Mrs Hill

Additional set teacher – Mr Roast

HLTA (covering teachers' planning time): Mrs Greenham

The teaching assistants in Year 6 include: Mrs Davies and Mrs Walker

Organisation for dropping off and collecting

When dropping your child to school in the morning, the children will make their way into school through the main gate, turn right by the bike shed and walk down the front of the school to the playground where there will be adults to supervise them. They will be able to do this from 8:15am. When the bell goes at 8:30, they will make their way into school where they will be greeted by the teachers. The main gate will close at 8:35. Children need to be in school for this time to allow them good time to get to class before the register closes. At home time, you can collect your child from the gate closest to the school staff car park. If you have completed the permission form, they are allowed to walk home without an adult. If you gave permission in Year 5, this will be carried over into Year 6.

Developing as independent learners

In Year 6, we will continue to develop the children's independent skills. As part of this development, the children are given more responsibility for handing homework and changing their reading and library books. We will continue to remind the children each day to check their own bag for any notes/letters and when their homework is due in.

Water bottles/ healthy snack

As in Year 5, the children are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle to school (containing water only) in addition to their lunchbox drink. The children are able to drink their water throughout the day and they may also use the water facility to refill their bottle. The children may bring in a healthy snack for breaktime or they are able to purchase a hot slice of toast for 20p on their day.



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Reading at home

In Year 6, we continue to encourage reading at home as frequently as possible, at least 4 times a week for 30 minutes a time. Research highlights how reading regularly has a profound benefit for children's development and also their wellbeing – it is crucial that you encourage your child to read as much as possible and develop a love of books and reading. The children will bring home their Reading Record and a banded reading book each day in which the title of the book and the pages read must be recorded. If your child is a free reader, they will be able to bring home a book from the free reader section in the library. The children are rewarded for their reading at home with one house point for more than 5 reads. Children who have not completed enough reading each week will have a reading opportunity at lunchtime.

Spellings

Spellings are set on Fridays and tested on a Thursday. Children are expected to practise their spellings at home using the homework sheet which will be stuck in their pink books and their homework diary. They need to write 6 quality sentences using 6 of the spellings. Pink books will be sent home on a Friday with new spelling homework. These books should come back in to school by the following Thursday, so the children can complete their test in them. This means that you can see how they have got on in their test each week.

Maths task

Every Thursday, we will set homework via the website 'Atom Learning', which should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. If you cannot access this at home, please let your child's maths teacher know and they will provide your child with a paper copy. Maths homework is due in the following Wednesday. In addition to this, paper homework will be set that should take no longer than 20 minutes. If homework is not completed on time, an opportunity will be given at lunchtime - this will not be to complete the homework however, as the expectation is that this should be completed at home.

English task

Every Thursday, we will set English homework which should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete – this will be on a fortnightly basis with 'Atom Learning' one week and written homework in their green homework books the next. English homework is due in the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed on time, an opportunity will be given at lunchtime to do this.

Topic task

With every new topic that we cover, we will send a home-learning project based on that topic. In completing this task, we ask that you choose how your child would like to present it, so they can be as creative as they like! The children will have the opportunity to share their home learning with the class, put it up on display for other children in the year group to see and they will also receive house points for completing it.

Over the holidays, it is essential to continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible, whether it's around the environment, books, comics or magazines etc. In addition, your child can also practise their times tables.

We hope that this letter has given you a brief insight into some of the Year 6 routines and home learning. We look forward to seeing you at the Year 6 'Welcome to Base' evening, which will take place on **Thursday 5th September at 6pm**. This will give you a more detailed overview of the learning in Year 6. In the meantime, if there is anything else you would like to know about Year 6, please do not hesitate to ask your child's current class teacher or myself.

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Mawer
Year 6 Leader

