

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are well rested. It has been lovely to have the children back in school and we are so pleased with how they have settled into their new classes. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will need to be practised for spelling tests on the following Friday. PE will be taking place on **Tuesday** for 6JO and **Friday** for 6ZP & 6LC. **Children must arrive at school in their PE kit on these days.** PE lessons will be outdoors (weather permitting) so children must wear suitable clothing, especially when the weather gets colder. Please ensure children dress in appropriate indoor and outdoor PE kit – plain dark bottoms and a white t-shirt and a plain jumper (no branding) and trainers.

Maths

In Maths lessons, we will be learning about place value. Pupils will practice reading and writing numbers, comparing and ordering numbers and rounding. We will explore how to represent numbers in a variety of different ways using pictorial representations. We will be ensuring that children can calculate efficiently and use formal written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Pupils will also consolidate the problem solving and reasoning skills pupils developed throughout Year 5.

English

This half term, we will be learning all about the famous playwright Shakespeare. The children will be given the opportunity to conduct their own research, discovering more about his childhood and his journey to success at the Globe Theatre. Through a range of drama-focused lessons we will be studying his well-known play Macbeth, carefully considering his characters and settings. We will be covering a variety of genres including descriptive writing, poetry and speeches.

History – Tudors

In History, Year 6 will be focusing on the Tudor era, beginning with The War of the Roses and how the Tudor monarchy was established. Children will examine different primary and secondary sources and explore the challenges and impact of each of the Tudor monarchs. Throughout this topic, children will analyse and identify similarities and differences with modern life.



Science – Animals including Humans

Our focus in Science will be Animals, including Humans. The children will learn all about the circulatory system, including the role of the heart and the lungs. They will also understand the importance of regular exercise and a balanced diet. Through scientific investigations the children will explore how different types of exercise can affect heart rate.

PE

'Block, guard, support' will be our theme for PE this half-term. The children will work in team focused games to improve these skills. Pupils will learn how to effectively guard spaces and opponents and help support teammates when required. We will look at ways to implement strategies to support the team as a whole.

RE

Our focus in RE will be Sikhism. The children will consider the significance of Guru Nanak to the Sikh faith, understanding their beliefs and values as well as learning about other Gurus. The children will identify symbols associated with the Sikh faith and the meaning behind these.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be discussing and setting goals for this academic year and exploring what healthy and positive relationships look like. Through discussions, children will look at different ways to nurture friendships and will consider how best to find resolutions to problems that relationships may encounter.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Our work on the Tudors will give children the opportunity to identify local historical sites such as Temple Newsam that have links with this era.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In English the children will recognise that William Shakespeare was the first great "writer entrepreneur" and his financial success gave him artistic independence.

Healthy and Happy Living

Our work in PSHE will focus on positive and healthy relationships in our lives and consider those most important to us. We will consider how we can look after our mental and physical health.

Inquisitive Investigators

Our focus on Animals including Humans will include investigating which foods and drinks make up a balanced diet and the positive effects exercise can have on the body.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- Maths homework will be set weekly. Children can practice their times tables using the Times Tables Rock Stars website.
- Reading books will be exchanged on a Thursday. New books will be issued by the following Monday.
- Spellings are sent home on Friday and tested on the following Friday.
- We recommend that children read at least four times a week at home, for at least 10 minutes, ideally with an adult.
- SATs 13/5/23- please be aware that all pupils must be present for the SATs tests; no holiday will be permitted during this period.