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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer (even with the extreme heat) and made memories with your families. I have been excited since our brilliant transition day. Year 6 is a tough year and there is no hiding that. However, it is also an incredibly fascinating and rewarding one as we prepare them for the next stage in their journeys.



Wellies (and hot-weather clothing)

When the field is wet and/or muddy, the children must change into their wellies to access the field. This prevents mud being brought back into school as well as children spending part of their day in damp shoes and socks.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for hot weather e.g. sun cream when necessary, hat/cap etc.

Lunchtime football



Year 6's lunchtime football slot is Wednesday lunchtimes. One week will be boys football and the next week will be girls football. I would say that a decision needs to be made at home about the weather on the day. If it's likely to be muddy or wet on the field, they are going to need a change of clothes and a change of footwear. Metal studs are not allowed.

Boys football dates	Girls football dates
August – 26th	September – 2nd, 16th, 30th
September – 9th, 23rd	October – 14th
October – 7th, 28th	November – 4th, 18th
November – 11th, 25th	December – 2nd, 16th
December – 9th	

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Enrichment activities



Each term, as part of the curriculum, your child will participate in Forest School with Mrs North, and Art/DT lessons with Ms Hicks. Your child will participate in both sessions. Therefore, your child will always need to bring in their Forest School clothing for that day (old clothing suitable for outdoor learning, wellington boots, waterproofs etc.). Please ensure Forest School clothing is clearly named.

Our sessions are on Tuesdays on the following dates:

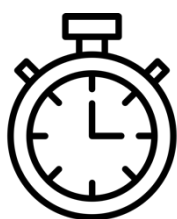
September – 1st, 15th, 29th

October – 13th

November – 3rd, 17th

December – 1st, 15th

Starting time



Our school doors open at **8:40am** and lessons start promptly at **8:55am**. This means that your child can benefit from 15 minutes of additional learning each day. In Year 6, we usually use that time to practise key skills in maths, reading, or writing. Please make sure that your child arrives on time to make the most of their learning experience.

PE kit



Children will come into school in their PE kit on their PE days. PE kit consists of black shorts or leggings, a white t-shirt, a black hoodie (or jumper), and trainers. **Please ensure that this is named.** Year 6 will have PE on a **Wednesday**. This term's PE units are tag rugby, gymnastics, and hockey.

School uniforms



This should be always worn apart from Forest School days and PE days. This includes black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts and a white or blue polo shirt. In addition, a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn, and shoes should be black. **These should be named.** No jewellery other than watches and ear studs should be worn.

Healthy school



We are part of the Food for Life initiative and know that children learn best when they are fuelled with a balanced, nutritional diet. Children should bring in **fruit** or **vegetable** snacks for breaktime, and bottles filled with **water** only. A yoghurt is also a suitable breaktime snack. Please encourage your children to choose a fruit, vegetable or yoghurt snack at breaktimes as they will be asked to wait until lunch to eat foods such as sweets, crisps and chocolate. We are a nut-and-seed-free school.



Water bottles

All children should bring a named water bottle every day. We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them the next morning. This will ensure they are regularly cleaned. Please ensure that the bottles contain only water.



Homework

This consists of reading 5 times a week, oracy topics, and times tables. Ten minutes per week on Times Tables Rock Stars is perfect. Their spellings will be sent out each week and we focus on a set of 12 words that use the same sound. Children are encouraged to practise their spellings.



Reading diaries

The paper booklet diaries will cease to exist and will be replaced by Track My Read (<https://trackmyread.org/>). More information will be sent out about this, but essentially it is an online tracker to help engage children in reading for pleasure.

Please have a look at all of the exciting things we are doing this term (yes, all of this is just this term!). Some of the topics will be completed in the Spring Term after Christmas.

<u>English</u> Entertain: narrative-style setting description, diary entry, poetry Inform: recipe Persuade: promotional advert Grammar, punctuation and spelling throughout Dictation and handwriting daily	<u>Maths</u> Place value Adding and subtracting Multiplying and dividing Fractions Percentages Daily basic skills practice An ongoing focus on all times tables (to 12 x 12)	<u>Science</u> Looking After the Environment Living Things and their Habitats Evolution and Inheritance	<u>Art/Design and Technology</u> Drawing: Expressing Ideas Fundraising Crafts	<u>PE</u> Tag rugby Gymnastics Hockey
<u>Geography</u> The Amazon Rainforest	<u>RE</u> Why do Hindus try to be good?	<u>Computing</u> Communication and the Internet	<u>PSHE</u> My Healthy Self Connecting With	<u>Music</u> Pulse Rhythm

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Please feel free to contact me through the school office with any queries or concerns. Big term – let's smash it together!

Best wishes,

Mr Phillips

Year 6 Class Teacher