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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Six

I am writing to introduce the Year Six team and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year Six up to Christmas.

Meet the team

Mrs Thompson - Class teacher
Mrs Ali - Teaching Assistant
Miss Campbell – Teaching Assistant
Ms Carnevale – Deputy Headteacher

This year, Ms Carnevale will be teaching some of children in the Year 6 cohort for English and Maths lessons in some terms. This will provide these children with a valuable opportunity to work in a small group, focussing on their specific next steps for learning. Ms Carnevale will also be teaching in Mrs Thompson's class on Fridays.

Year Six Autumn curriculum

Our topic this term is called "Journey to the Centre of the Rainforest" which links our English, Science, History and Art curriculum primarily.

English
We will be covering a range of genres starting with narrative (story writing). While working on this, we will be trying out different ways of starting sentences encouraging the children to use and choose exciting vocabulary and developing how we write a setting and introduce characters. After narrative, we will be looking at persuasive writing - this is when we begin to work on a more formal style of writing. In year six we try to offer as many opportunities for meaningful and high-quality writing as we can-this will include RE, Science and topic work. Writing this year will be a big focus and there will be lots of it! Guided reading will involve Narrative and persuasive writing so that the reading will stimulate the writing. Children in Year Six are still expected to read at home and it would be great if you could join the library so that your child has access to a wide range of free books! The children will have Grammar lessons each week as well as being encouraged to apply what they are learning in their reading and writing. In spelling, the children will have "Wow" words, as they did last year and a spelling lesson, where children will get a chance to investigate and explore spelling patterns.
Mathematics
This term we will be focussing on fluency of multiplication and division facts up to 12x and using these known facts to solve more challenging multiplication and division questions. We will also be working on understanding larger numbers (up to 6 figures) and place value (including decimal numbers). There will be lots of opportunities to practice our arithmetic skills at this time, which will consist of consolidation of formal methods for subtraction and addition and looking at different methods to solve larger multiplication and division calculations. We will also be revising key fraction objectives ensuring that we know the key vocabulary for working with fractions and refining our methods for solving questions using fractions.
Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
As part of our PSHE we will be looking at risks, what is meant by this term and how we, as humans deal with different types of risk. We will also be doing some work on feelings - how we express ourselves, words that we use, and how feelings can affect us and other people.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the '**Knowledge Organisers**' which can be found on the school website.

What homework to expect and when

Please make sure that your child is reading **every night** for at least 15 minutes. If your child is a confident reader, please still ask them about what they are reading, about the characters or the plot. Make sure your child reads some non-fiction too - a magazine, the football pages, an information book linked with the topic. Homework will be given on a **Friday** and is expected back the following **Thursday** ready for the class to share. Homework is marked as a class to help children reflect on their learning out of class but will always be acknowledged by the teacher with extra learning being rewarded.

If your child has any questions about homework, we encourage **them** to come back and ask us for help - this helps them to have the confidence to ask questions as they need to in Year Seven. I will be talking to them about this in the first few weeks.

Ways you can help your child

- Still ask them what their homework is on a Friday and help them practice any spellings they have.
- Please help with homework - don't feel that because they are in Year Six that you can't!
- Make sure that they are still reading every night
- Talk to them about their day - often in Year Six, children can begin to stop chatting about their day - try and keep this going.
- Please use Google Classroom and the Year Six website page for support and information

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please catch one of us in the morning to arrange a time for a conversation.

PE days

Monday and Wednesday - White T shirt, navy shorts or joggers, navy sweatshirt, suitable trainers please.

Friday – Weekly mile.

Term 1 and 2 shared lessons

Term 1 – DT – making a rainforest diorama – 13th October 2022, 1pm.

Term 2 – DT – making Christmas tree decorations, date to follow.

Class assembly

Our class assembly will be on Friday 30th September, starting at 2:30pm. We would love you to join us. Please do not bring toddlers and babies if they are going to be a distraction for the children performing.

Forthcoming trips

Monday 17th October - Eden Project Rainforest workshop. This is a virtual visit linked to our topic and will be funded by the school.

1st February 2023 - Black Country Living Museum (Linked to our term 3 and 4 topic, The Industrial Revolution). The cost for this trip will be £19.50; a letter with more information will be coming to you this week. All paid trips can be paid in full or by instalments via Parent Pay.

Bikeability

We are delighted to be linking up with Bikeability this year to offer Year 6 children the opportunity to have cycling lessons. These will take place the week after SATs in May. You will receive a letter with more information later in the year.

Finally, please remember to visit our blog at: [6 CT \(google.com\)](#). This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Thompson (Class Teacher)