



Welcome to Year Six!

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YEAR SIX NEWSLETTER

Parents and Teachers Working in Partnership

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Dear Parent / Carer



On behalf of all of the Year Six staff I would like to welcome you to Year Six. This is your child's final year at Primary school. As I am sure you are aware, this is a very busy and important year for your child, with the selection tests and the End of Key Stage Two tests.

In this newsletter you will find important information about Year Six and our expectations in terms of behaviour and work.

Year Six isn't just about tests! We have lots of fun things planned for the year, including a theatre trip to London! If you have any questions about year six or the selection tests, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Have a pleasant and relaxing Summer break!



N Harrison
Year Leader

Special points of interest:

- Term 1 begins on Thursday 2nd September
- Booster classes recommence on 6th September
- All Holiday Homework due Thursday 2nd September

OVERVIEW OF TOPICS IN YEAR SIX

Below is a table which shows you the topics your child will be learning about over the course of their time in Year Six.

TERM ONE	TERM TWO	TERM THREE	TERM FOUR	TERM FIVE	TERM SIX
<i>Life for Children during the Victorian Period</i>	<i>Rivers - The Amazon!</i>	<i>Energy</i>	<i>Britain at War in World War Two</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>Year Six production</i>

Again we will be sending home the children's topic books on a termly basis for you to look at and comment on. There may also be termly topic homework set, which focuses on the children's creative sides!



HOMWORK TIMETABLE

As I am sure you can imagine, there are a lot of topics to cover in order to ensure that your child is fully prepared for their tests. Homework will be given to the children on the following days:

MONDAY: Numeracy Homework

TUESDAY: Literacy Homework

WEDNESDAY: Numeracy Homework

THURSDAY: Literacy Homework

FRIDAY: Verbal Reasoning Homework



In addition to this your child will also receive Science homework. The children will be using homework books for some of their literacy and numeracy homework. This will enable you to see the feedback we are giving to your child about their homework.

We also expect children to spend a minimum of 20 minutes per night reading and recording a reading journal entry in their reading record books. We firmly believe that children need to be given time to do their homework to the best of their ability. They will always be given a minimum of 2 days to complete homework tasks. It is most important that homework is given in on the day specified and completed to your child's best ability.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK TASKS

As I am sure you can appreciate, Year Six is an extremely important year for your child. There is a lot of work to cover in such a short space of time. We have set your child several very important pieces of homework for over the Summer holidays. They involve:

- Producing a research project about an aspect of the Victorians that interests them
- Doing some Numeracy work to revise key skills
- A writing project about an 'Island Adventure'
- Doing some Verbal Reasoning papers to revise key question types

Your child has been given a pack which explains all the homework tasks. It is most important that your child does not leave their homework to the last minute. We expect all children to complete all of the pieces to the best of their ability. We will be awarding certificates for the best Victorian research projects and to people who we can see have put a lot of time and effort into all of their homework pieces. We look forward to seeing the homework on Thursday 2nd September!

HOMWORK CHALLENGE!

Children are also asked to work hard on practising their times tables up to 12×12 and their handwriting! We will be testing the children early on in Year 6 and awarding those who have worked hard to learn times tables and improve their handwriting with a special certificate!

PE KIT REMINDERS

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you about clothing for PE lessons:

- A **plain** t-shirt which is the colour of your child's House Team.
- A pair of **plain** shorts which do not go below the knee.
- A pair of plimsolls / a pair of trainers.
- A hair band (for those with shoulder length or longer hair)

In the event of outdoor games it is also advisable if children have a pair of tracksuit bottoms in school. Shorts and T-shirts are available from the school uniform school.

