



Highwood Primary School

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Y6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Y6,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing break and would like to offer you a warm welcome to Year 6! We have already seen that your child is refreshed and motivated ready to begin this exciting year.

This term, we have some exciting topics planned for the children to learn about:

Our new topic for this term is the Ancient Greeks, studying key events, traditions, customs and their relevance to the modern world. This will link to our Literacy work, where we will be studying narrative (myths) and persuasive writing (based on Pandora's Box), and our Numeracy lessons exploring the ideas of Pythagoras.

- In Science we will be exploring habitats and the way in which species adapt to their surroundings
- In Guided Reading lessons we will be using 'Myths & Legends' by Anthony Horowitz and 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio
- Our indoor PE lessons are on Monday afternoons. Game On will take the children for their outdoor PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. This term we will be exploring rugby, hockey and gymnastics.

Young People's Puppet Project

We are very lucky to be able to offer a unique opportunity to the Year 6 children this year. The Young People's Puppet Project has now been running successfully for many years but the original pilot of the project was run with Mrs Allen as the supporting Year 6 teacher in a school in St. Albans. In gratitude to Mrs Allen for her part in this project and as a tribute to her dedication to education Mr Jeremy Duchennes has donated this year's project to Highwood – full funding for the project has been sourced by the YPPT. This means that every Thursday the Year 6 children will be learning through drama, art and technology and as part of the end of the year productions Sycamore 6 will present their show based around the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and Chestnut 6 will perform Oliver. We hope you will enjoy hearing about the project as it develops.

Home Learning

The Home Learning Grid offers a range of activities which link to different areas of the curriculum but with a Literacy or Numeracy focus. Children can choose a different task of their own choice as many times as they wish and are free to work with a partner on an activity of their choice. Homework goes out on a Thursday and needs to come in on the following Tuesday. Alongside the grid tasks, children will be expected to read at least 4 times a week, practise mental maths and learn their weekly spelling lists.

Expectations

With greater age comes greater responsibility. As the oldest children in school, Year 6 are expected to model excellent behaviour and attitude towards learning for all other year groups at all times. They should be appropriately dressed following the School Uniform Policy. Throughout the year, pupils will have the opportunity to take on positions of responsibility such as House Captains, School Ambassadors, library assistants and assembly monitors. We also expect them to





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develop greater organisational skills as the year progresses, managing their own property and resources.

P.E. Kits

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school on: Monday and Wednesday. Full P.E. kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery. Tape will be provided by the staff to cover up any stud earrings.

Upcoming Dates

Tue 18th September - 6pm PGL meeting

Mon 24th - 28th September - PGL

Spring Term - Friday 26th October - Chestnut Class assembly
Friday 15th February - Sycamore Class assembly

PPA

When the teachers are planning lessons on Wednesday afternoons, the classes will be covered by Game On (PE) and Mr Johnson (ICT)

Equipment

We strongly suggest that all children bring a pencil case to school, to keep their whiteboard pen and writing pen in. This will mean that they are easily accessible for every lesson. These pencil cases must be of a sensible size and design to fit in to their drawer. Children need to have a water bottle (labelled) in school every day which they can use at break and lunch times.

We look forward to a successful and productive start to Year 6. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us before or after school. Alternatively ring or email (admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk) the school.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 teaching team:

Miss Green
(Assistant Head KS2 &
Sycamore class teacher)

Mr Waygood
(Chestnut class teacher)

Miss Dela-Cruz
(Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Amy Childs
(Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Kanmani Shameem
(Learning Support Assistant)