



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
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Year 6 Newsletter September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 6,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing break and would like to offer you a warm welcome to Year 6! We hope 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, including:

- 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
- Mr Willimott will be supporting us during our indoor PE lessons which are on Wednesdays
- We will take the children for their outdoor PE lessons on a Friday afternoon. This term we will be exploring rugby, hockey and gymnastics.

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, updating their Home School Record, 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 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: Wednesday and Friday. Full P.E. kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Hair that is longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back and jewellery is not permitted. Tape will be provided by the teacher to cover up any stud earrings.



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Upcoming Dates

Wed 20th September 6pm PGL meeting

Mon 2nd-6th October PGL

Fri 24th November Black History assembly to share our work recognising the struggles and efforts of key figures in history.

November Visit to the Ancient Greek exhibits at the British Museum in London.

Friday 9 February Chestnut Class assembly

Friday 23rd February Sycamore Class assembly

Trips

PGL: A parent meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday 20th September to provide information regarding our trip to PGL in October. We will also visit the British Museum in London to discover more about the Ancient Greeks.

PPA

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

Equipment:

We strongly suggest that all children bring a pencil case to school, to keep their whiteboard and writing pens in. This will mean that they are easily accessible for every lesson. These pencil cases must be of a sensible size. 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 drop in to the classroom before or after school. Alternatively ring or email the school.

Many thanks,
The Year 6 teaching team:

Mr Waygood
(Sycamore class teacher)

Miss Austin
(Chestnut class teacher)

Mrs Tracy Henderson
(Sycamore 6 Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Reena Patel
(Chestnut 6 Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Kanmani Shameem
(Learning Support Assistant)