

Meet the Teacher Evening Year 6
Teachers:- Mrs McIvor, Mr Worth
and Mrs Furmidge

Staff Team in Year 6

We are very lucky this year to have three teachers in year 6. Mrs Furmidge will be working with the year 6 cohort Monday to Thursday in the mornings and covering PPA. The children will work with all three members of staff throughout the year and our aim is for them to achieve the best they can after a unprecedented last few years. Your child will always know exactly who they will be working with at all times.

Swapping teachers and classrooms for both morning and afternoon sessions will also help your child's transition to secondary school as they will practise swapping rooms and teacher in a familiar environment. It also allows all children to work in smaller group sizes to maximise their learning potential. Our homework system is also designed to help support the transition to secondary school and we have found both of these very successful in the past.

What can I Bring to School?

- Your child should **only** bring a reading book, reading log, a healthy snack, lunch and water bottle. There is no capacity for us to store any equipment or resources that your child would need for after school activities e.g. tennis rackets, sleepover etc.
- Please remember that we are a nut free school due to allergies.
- School will provide your child with everything that they could possibly need.
- A pair of trainers will need to be kept in school at all times to be used for forest school time, smile for a mile and playtime while on the field. Please provide a plastic bag for your child to store their trainers in.
- An Indoor and outdoor PE kit will need to be kept in their school locker for the duration of the term.
- Any letters or slips for school need to be given to the class teacher by the child.
- If your child is walking independently to school, we understand that they may need to bring a phone to school. They must ensure that it is switched off before entering the school gates, for safeguarding reasons. Phones will be collected from the children in the morning, stored in the classroom and given back at the end of the day. Personal phones brought into school by pupils are not school's responsibility. Smart watches and Fitbits also have to be taken off upon arrival to school.
- If you wish for your child to walk home from school, then you must complete a form to give permission.
- No toys, games or cards are allowed to be brought into school.
- School will provide fidget toys for those who have a need for them. These are not to be brought in from home.

Uniform

- School shoes should be worn and not black trainers.
- No jewellery is to be worn in school other than a watch (this can not be a smart watch of any sort including Fitbit due to safeguarding).
- Any hair bands worn need to be plain and in school colours of black, grey or green.
- During the cold weather, they need to make sure that they bring a school jumper as coats should not be worn inside the building.

Medical

- If your child requires any medication during the school day, you will need to complete the medical form which is on the school's website. This needs to be handed into the office.
- Please make sure that your child's inhaler is brought into school with a spacer.

GROW / RA

- ▶ In year 6, we will continue to explore, celebrate and develop our school's grow values: Goals, Respect, Ownership and Working Together
- ▶ RA :- We continue to follow a restorative approach in school.
- ▶ Friday assemblies will now be focused around our GROW values.

Routines

- English and Maths are always completed in the mornings.
- As we have 3 teachers, Mrs McIvor, Mr Worth and Mrs Furmidge will have groups for English on Mondays - Thursdays then the children will move back to class sets on Fridays.
- The children will be ability Set for Maths
- PE:- Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has suitable kit to be outside in any weather. Please can their indoor kit stay in school as it may be needed at other times. Please encourage them to organise their own PE kit to aid transition to secondary school.

Creative Curriculum and Science Coverage

Here are the Creative Curriculum and Science topics we will cover.

Autumn 1:- Portal to the Past and The Human Body.

Autumn 2:- Light Camera Action which includes Light and electricity science units

Spring 1:- Across the Pond 1- The Big Build

Spring 2:- Across the Pond 2 and Evolution and Adaption .

Summer 1:- Your Area. You Decide and Living things

Summer 2:- Leaders Through The Ages and Living Things .

Robinwood

- Monday 13th- 15th March
- Meeting Monday 21th November

Circle Time

Throughout the year, the children will cover many sensitive topics through our circle time activities. Please look carefully at the termly overview to see which areas we are covering that half term and let us know if you have any concerns about these as soon as possible. We will cover puberty and human reproduction during the summer term.

RE

One of our RE units works through bereavement and what different religions do when times get hard. We complete this topic just after the October Half term. Please let us know if this is an area of concern for your child.

Homework

- CGP books will be given out- These need to be paid for through Parent Pay and we will set pages to be completed weekly. This payment is now live on Parent Pay. We will put the pages for the week on the Class Story on Dojo.
- Grammar homework and spellings given out on Monday to be returned the following Monday.
- Maths homework will be given out on Thursdays and returned the following Thursday.
- Reading homework is given out on Fridays and returned the following Friday. Children must read 4 times a week and the reading journal must be signed by a parent weekly.

If you are unsure of your child's homework please have a look on the Class Story on Dojo. Homework will also be written on the class noticeboard each week, so you could ask your child to look there too.

The reason behind having homework on different days is to help the children to develop the skills needed to transition to high school.

Any child who does not hand their homework in on time will complete it at lunchtime that day. Again, this is to prepare them for the consequences of not completing homework at high school.

SATS:- We will send more details about these later in the term.

- While the focus initially will be on their wellbeing, the children will be tested each half term to increase their confidence in sitting formal tests and to assess their progress.
- Children will sit - Reading test (1hr), grammar and spelling test (45mins) ,spelling test (20 words) , arithmetic paper (30 mins) 2 maths reasoning papers (40 mins each)

How you can help

- Read with your child
- Work through your child's papers when they bring them home.
- Complete weekly homework and other tasks that are set.

SATS will be the week beginning the 08.05.23

We will run a SATS meeting for parents on Monday 16th January.

Class Dojo

- In order for the year 6 team to disseminate information to the whole cohort, we will have one Class Dojo for the whole year group.
- We will use the class story as a message board and for sharing important information.
- We have created a forms document to obtain permission to share photos of your child on Class Dojo. This document will close on Friday 16th September. <https://forms.gle/jJNDTmp8CH7gCJBE6>
- To discuss worries or concerns that you may have about your individual child, we ask that this is communicated through our email system, or leave a message with the office and we will phone you back at the earliest opportunity. We do not check class dojo messages as regularly.
- We will also be using Class Dojo as a reward system. When a child gets 25 dojos they will receive a certificate for their hard work. As a year group, when they collectively get 1,000 dojos then they will earn a special reward of their choice.

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Our working hours are 7:30-18:00pm Monday to Friday. Mrs Furmidge does not work Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning.

Any messages about absence or a change in collection needs to go through the office.

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