

Welcome to Year 6

The teachers of Year 6, Mr Rickard and Mrs Chislett, would like to welcome you. This leaflet is designed to give you a brief overview of your child's school life over the coming year in terms of our expectations, as well as providing you with some insight into the topics we intend to cover.

General

There are two formal parents' evenings in the year, but if at any other time you need a chat with the teacher, please let us know and we can make an appointment for a time that suits us both. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

English

As in previous years, English is taught for at least one hour a day. The children will explore a wide range of text types during the year and their reading and writing skills will be developed and extended.



The children will read in school as a class and in small groups, but we would appreciate your support in ensuring that the children practise reading at home on a regular basis. They will be provided with an Accelerated Reader book which is based around their reading ability. This programme is designed to encourage their reading at home as well as inform the teacher how they are progressing. They can record the books they have read in their homework diaries. Please feel free to use their diaries to record any comments you may have. Please remind your child to give their diary to their teacher when they come into school if you have written a note.

Extended Writing will take place fortnightly during the autumn and spring term and free writing will begin close to the end of the spring term. The children will prepare for the task in school during the week, but may wish to talk through their ideas with you or find some extra information.

A new set of spellings will be given to the children every Wednesday. The children will have an opportunity to learn the words and spelling rules every day before being tested on the following Monday.

Maths

Maths is also taught daily. Our aim is to ensure that the children are confident handling numbers and completing calculations and that they can use and apply these skills to solve different problems. They may sometimes use strategies that are unfamiliar to you. If you are ever unsure or want further clarification about the methods they are using, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher.



In school they will develop their skills through a mixture of activities, including formal written lessons, investigations, practical activities and games.

Their homework will revolve around the arithmetic skills which are needed in year six. As the year develops, they will become more confident in tackling these questions.

Topic Work

In the Creative Curriculum we will be covering the following topics:
Could you be a Forensic Scientist?; A Flight through Time; What Happened in the Golden Age?; Young Apprentice; Walking with Dinosaurs; and We are a Theatre Company!



Through these topics we will cover Science, Geography, History, Art and D.T. In addition the children will be taught ICT, RE, PSHE, French, Philosophy for Children, Games, PE and Music.

Possible visits and visitors

Autumn Term - Beam House residential; Plymouth University, Junior Life Skills.

Spring Term - Centrica **Summer Term** - Woodlands Leisure Park.

Timetable Commitments:

Outdoor games - Thursday (Eagles/Hawks) **Indoor PE** - Tuesday (Eagles) Tuesday (Hawks) **Music** - Thursday

P.E. Kit

For P.E. the children should wear black shorts and a white T-shirt. Each child also needs a pair of trainers and a marked bag in which these may be kept. For outdoor games children may bring a tracksuit to wear in cold weather. All kit should be clearly named. P.E. takes place as outlined above.

Please note that no jewellery is to be worn during the P.E. lesson.



Homework

Homework is set on a Wednesday and due in the following Monday. Each task should take no more than 30 minutes. If it is taking your child more than this time please stop them and make a note in their homework book.

Media

We have a very high media profile. If you do not wish your child's photo to be published, either in the papers or on the blog, please fill in the related form (see Office staff) and return it to your child's teacher or to the school office.



Clubs

Throughout the year the children will be able to participate in a range of clubs after school. Homework Club will take place once a week during the lunchtime.

The children have settled well and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year.