

YR 6 NEWSLETTER



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Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year and the last at primary school! This year, your children will be taught by Mr Starkey, supported by Mrs Rowntree and Mrs Duck.

Curriculum News

This term's topics are 'Monsters', followed by 'The Victorians and Steam-Punk'. Our English learning for the first half-term will be based around the book 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. The second half-term's focus book is 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. In addition, we will be covering Electricity and Light in Science, and mapwork in Geography. In RE we will be learning about a number of different festivals celebrated by different world religions and in PSHCE, we will be beginning to think about social issues such as peer pressure, anti-social behaviour and attitudes and values in society. We will be using the online Purple Mash to study our Computing units, starting with Coding and moving on to Online Safety after half-term. We are so pleased to be able to be continuing with swimming; the children will have weekly lessons at Starbeck Pool. You will have already received a separate letter about this. We will also be further developing our understanding of History, Art and Music with Mrs Rowntree. PE will be taught on an ad hoc basis due to the main focus being swimming. The day PE is taught will change so it would be helpful if your child has the correct PE kit in school every day and a change of footwear: pumps or trainers. The children need to ensure all long hair is tied back for PE sessions and earrings and jewellery are removed.

Homework

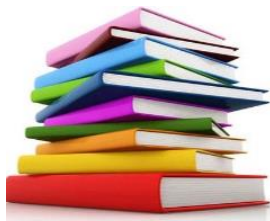
In preparation for secondary school, the children in Year 6 are given regular homework, which is always recorded in their individual Homework Diaries. We ask parents/carers to support their child by checking they have completed any homework set and signing the diary to show that the children have completed their homework. There will also be the opportunity to develop the children's use of Microsoft Education to enhance our home learning.

Homework will include:

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Reading - The children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week and will have free choice of books from the bookshelf in the classroom or their own book from home, which will need to be checked by an adult for its appropriateness. This should be recorded in their homework diary, either by the children themselves, if they are reading independently, or by the adult they have read to. The children will be expected to change their own reading books as and when they need to.

Maths - Children's individual Maths workbooks will be sent home 3 or 4 times a week, with a focus page to complete which will reinforce that day's learning. In addition, the children need to continue working on their KIRF targets (introduced in class) and MATHS SHED regularly.



Spellings - Children's individual spelling workbooks will be sent home once or twice a week to practice that week's rule / letter pattern that they have been investigating. They will also be encouraged to work on 'SPELLING SHED' where they can access games and complete weekly assignments.

The Year 6 Educational Visit to Carlton Lodge has been booked for w/c 5th February 2024. We are very confident that Carlton Lodge will provide a fantastic educational and fun experience for your children at a price that offers excellent value for money. Lookout for more information soon! The end of KS2 Assessment 'SATs' week is w/c 9th May 2024. It is really important that all children must be present in school this week. More details on both of these will follow.

I am looking forward to a busy, exciting and enjoyable year and am delighted to start the children have made to life in Year 6. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to share the Childrens' final year at Starbeck with them. Any questions, please pop in and see me or call the office and ask for me to give you a call back!

With very best wishes,

Mr Starkey and Year 6 support staff.