



Welcome to Year 6

Mr Lancaster, Miss Jones & Mr Gibbons

November – December 2023



Year 6 Update

We hope you have all managed to have a lovely half term break and are ready for another busy half term! This half term, our topic is Lighthouses, and we will be completing lots of exciting and interesting work in our Writing, Geography, Science and Design and Technology.

Year 6 Katherine Johnson

Mr Lancaster will be teaching Katherine Johnson Class. Mr Gibbons will be teaching the class on Wednesdays.

Year 6 Tim Peake

Miss Jones will be teaching Tim Peake Class. Mr Gibbons will be teaching the class every Friday.

Miss Waud and Miss Parchment will also be supporting the learning of all our Year 6 pupils.

English:

In our writing lessons, we will be writing our own enlightenment-themed stories after watching an animation about a lighthouse keeper. The grammar features we will continue to use in our writing will be semi-colons, relative clauses, cohesion between paragraphs and parenthesis, as well as passive voice and varied sentence structures. We will also be writing senses-themed poems as well as an explanation text.

Maths:

This half term, we will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions; calculate percentages; add and subtract decimals and multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

Reading:

This half term, our class novel is 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. We will be exploring the text in detail and using it to answer different styles of comprehension questions.

Reading days:

All children will receive a reading book and record with details of your child's reading day. It is expected that children will read their book at least 3 times per week and have their reading record signed by an adult.

Please can you make sure that your child brings their reading book and record to school every day.

Read Theory:

All children now have accounts for the 'Read Theory' app, which they can access on their Chromebooks. This will help them to rapidly increase their reading level and understanding. On the app, they must read a short piece of text, then take a quiz answering questions about it. If they get the questions right, the computer will give them something harder next time; if they get them wrong, the computer makes the next challenge easier. This means that they should always have challenges which match with their reading level.

PE:

This half term, both classes will be playing **tennis** in their outdoor PE lesson and doing **dance** sessions in the school hall. For outdoor PE sessions, children are welcome to bring in any warmer clothing such as jogging bottoms or a hoodie/ tracksuit. It is essential that all children wear non-branded, plain T-shirts and bring trainers or pumps on PE days. They are allowed to come to school in PE kit on PE days.

Katherine Johnson Class – Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

Tim Peake Class – Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Homework:

Each week, children in Year 6 will receive Grammar, Maths and Spelling homework.

Details of when it is given out will be communicated to you on Class Dojo.

Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed and there will be a spelling test every two weeks.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch with school or any of us at the end of the day on the back playground.

Many thanks,

Mr Lancaster, Miss Jones and Mr Gibbons

Important Dates:

- 20th, 21st and November – Anti-social behaviour workshops with Leeds United Foundation
- Friday 10th November 2023 – Virtual author event with S.F.Said (author of 'Varjak Paw')
- Assessment week – Monday 4th December – Friday 8th December
- Friday 22nd December 2023 - School closes to pupils for the holidays.
- Monday 8th January 2023 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new term.



You can help by:

Please help your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts.

Encouraging your child to learn on their Chromebook: they have My Maths, Spelling Shed, Read Theory and TT Rockstars to help them with any additional revision or practice.

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to try and compare their book to any others they have read or summarise their story as accurately as possible.

Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school is always encouraged and a wonderful thing to do!