

Welcome to Year 6

Your child's class teacher is **Mr Beane** and **Miss Bain** is our class' teaching assistant. Mrs Robinson covers PPA on Friday afternoons.

Topics

In Year Six this year, our topics will be:

- Superheroes (Earth and Space)
- Skara Brae (a Neolithic settlement)
- Rainforests/Kensuke's Kingdom

What your child needs each day

Your child will be responsible for changing their reading book as and when required. They should bring their reading record to school regularly so that we can keep track of their reading at home and inform you about guided reading that we do in school.

Monday	Dinner envelope if required. Spelling book
Tuesday	PE*
Wednesday	
Thursday	PE*
Friday	Mental maths book, homework folder and homework diary

* PE: your child just needs to bring PE shoes in a labelled bag which will be kept at school. They do not need a PE kit at the moment. Jewellery, watches, metal hairclips and earrings must be removed before lessons.

Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle so they can have a drink throughout the day. They also need a wipeable pencil case including a rubber, pencil crayons/wax crayons and a pencil sharpener; this will also be kept at school.

School Bags

We need to keep our corridors as uncluttered as possible so please do not send backpacks and large bags to school. Your child can bring their small Durham Lane bookbag to school every day. If you do not have one of these, we sell them for £4. You can send the money in an envelope to your class teacher and they will give one to your child at the end of the school day.

Snack

If your child would like to bring a snack, they can bring their own piece of fruit or veg to eat at morning playtime. Just a reminder to make sure small fruit

Lunch

Each term a letter will be sent home to ask whether your child would like a school dinner, will be bringing a packed lunch or whether they would like to do a bit of both. If your child would like to alternate between school dinner and packed lunch, you need to complete a school dinner envelope. We will be putting some of these in the children's school bags for you. Please tick to let the kitchen staff know which days your child would like a school dinner. These envelopes need to be handed in on Monday of each week so the kitchen staff can order the right amount of food.

Uniform

Please can you make sure all your child's uniform, shoes and coats are clearly labelled with their name.

End of school day

Year 6 children can walk home alone or be collected at 3.20pm outside the gates at the end of the path leading to the Year 6 classroom. Please queue along the fence towards Hatfield Close. If your child is being collected by somebody who does not usually pick them up, please can you let the class teacher know by either leaving a message with the adult on the playground in the morning or by phoning the school office.

Home Learning & Spellings

- Every Monday, your child needs to bring in their green spelling book. As they will be tested on their spellings and new spellings will be given out. Please help your child to practise their weekly spellings using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' Method:
'Look at the word, say the word, cover it up, write the word, check the word'
- Your child needs their green mental maths/skills practise book on Friday as they will be given a test and new work will be set for the following Friday.
- Because of Covid 19 and our desire to limit cross infection between work going to and from home/school, your child's home learning will be now handed out on a fortnightly basis on Fridays. This will give us time to leave the home learning untouched, mark it, then give it back to the children. We will ensure that your child has enough home learning to last 2 weeks so please don't expect them to do it all at once. Please help your child with their homelearning, if needed, but don't do it for them. You could ask questions about it to ensure they understand. If you ever have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Reading

Reading is still extremely important in Year 6. At school, your child's reading skills will be developed through weekly guided reading and independent reading. Please ensure that you listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. It might be beneficial to read a page and have questions prepared for your child to answer. Some children like to think of questions for their parents to answer and this can be a fun way of sharing a text. Please write in your child's reading record which book they have read and how well they have tackled the text or any problems they may have had with the book. If your child has chosen a book from the class library or are reading a book from home, please record this in their reading record and comment on how they have coped with the text.

Any problems or concerns

If you have any problems or concerns, we operate an 'open door' policy. This is very difficult at the moment, but please do not hesitate to ask if you would like to talk to your child's class teacher. We will be checking the children's homework diaries at least once a week so please feel free to write a message in there or you can pass a message on to the adult in the playground who will be pass it on to your child's teacher.

Your child's class teacher is always your first point of contact. If you are dissatisfied, the first person to contact is Miss Barrett, our Deputy Head Teacher and, if you are still concerned, please contact Mrs Gregory, our Head Teacher.

We hope to solve problems promptly and with care and are always happy to discuss your concerns.

We appreciate your continued support.



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