

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2021



Dear Year 6 parents and carers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break. Welcome back to your first term in Year 6 at Phil and Jim school!

Topic this half term

This half term our topic will be focused around the piece of music Storm by Benjamin Britten. We will be learning about the causes of natural disasters and their impact.

PE kits

Please could we remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. If your child does not currently have the school PE kit this can be bought from the following provider <https://www.bluebloodsports.co.uk/st-philip-and-st-james-school>. PE kits should be in school Monday-Friday. PE kits should be going home on a Friday for washing. May we also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Outdoor learning

We are excited to inform you that this year Year 6 will be taking part in a weekly outdoor learning session to promote and develop their communication skills, resilience and forge positive relationships. This will run in conjunction with our PSHE curriculum.

Our session will take place every Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather and time of year (e.g. wellies, waterproof coat, sunhat etc.)

Maths and English

In English, we will be consolidating our writing skills before following the 'Talk 4 Writing' process to support us to write a successful fear story. We will focus on producing legible, cursive handwriting to improve our presentation.

Our maths topics for this half-term includes place value, mental and written calculations for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Morning Routine

The doors will open at 8:40, to give the children enough time to come into school and be in class for school to start promptly at 8:50 for the register.

At the end of the day, your child will be let out of the classroom via the white classroom door nearest to the playground. If you have made other plans for your child getting home, please could you inform the office before 13.00 at the latest.

Children in Year 6 need written permission to leave school by themselves. Parents will be able to indicate whether they give permission by emailing the office. It is necessary to do this even if children had permission to walk home in Year 5.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on classdojo every Friday and should be completed and submitted on their portfolio by the following Wednesday.

Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with FAO followed by your class teacher's name as the email subject. We will aim to respond within 48 hours.

Mobile telephones

Children in Year 6 with parental permission are able to bring a mobile telephones to school, however it must be switched off before entering the building, immediately handed into the office, collected only at the end of the day and remain off until children have left the premises. Parents will be able to indicate whether they give permission by emailing the office.

Reading Record

Do remember that your child has a reading record, which they should bring in daily for us to check. The children will gain house points for thoughtfully filled in records.

7 days in a row = 3 house points

5 days in a row = 2 house points

3 days in a row = 1 house point

Drinks bottles

Please can all children bring a clearly labeled drinks bottle to school, to be filled with water. Water fountains are available around the school for these to be refilled.

Special events

Residential: 29.11.21-3.12.21

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop a range from teamwork and leadership to working independently.

KS2 SATs: Week beginning 9.5.22, subject to Governmental guidance.

These are a series of national tests in English and maths undertaken by all Year 6 children in England. We will be providing more information about SATs later in the year.

Thank you, we look forward to welcoming the children back and starting our new topic.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Bell and Ms Buxton