

Year Six Autumn Newsletter

It has been a pleasure to welcome all the children into Year Six! We are really looking forward to the coming year, and we hope that the children will find Year Six challenging, enriching, and fun!

Although there is always so much to do at the start of a school year, we are aiming to establish routines as soon as we can. We are extremely excited about our new Project for this term, which is related to learning about 'The Ancient Sumer', which existed nearly 6000 years ago. The children will learn about the geography and history of The Ancient Sumer, including farming and welfare. Alongside this, we will be exploring different styles of Art. In Science, we will be exploring the role and function of the heart and we will also be learning about light.

By the end of term, the children will have created an Art Exhibition (for parents and carers) showcasing what they have learnt over the term.

Physical Education

We are fortunate to have specialist teachers to teach Year Six for Physical Education (PE), which will enhance their learning in these areas. PE is on Monday afternoons, and we ask that all children bring their full Place Farm PE kits to change in to after lunchtime. As the children are in Year Six, it is important that they are excellent role models for the rest of the school.

Homework

Please ensure that your child completes their homework and practises their spellings every week.

In addition to this, your child should be reading every day and regularly discussing the text and vocabulary used. You will need to sign your child's planners weekly, although it is the children's responsibility to ask you to do this. Furthermore, please encourage your child to take responsibility for their planner and reading books. There is a cost to replace them and an expectation that your child has them each day, to maintain communication all year round.

Timetable

We would like the children to be aware of the expectations on each day of the week, as set out below:

Day	Expectation
Monday	P.E and planner check
Tuesday	Homework handed in.
Wednesday	N/A
Thursday	Homework and spellings set
Friday	Previous week spellings tested

Communication

We understand that there are times when there is a need to speak directly to the class teacher. However, we would like to remind parents that it is vital to consult the office to arrange an appointment or, alternatively, come and see us at the end of the school day on the playground. We request that parents do not come up to the classrooms in the morning, because it is important that we settle the children in to their daily routines. In addition to this, please feel free to write any notes in your child's planner for our attention, and we will ensure that we act on this at our earliest convenience.



SATs Information Session

This term we will be holding a SATs information session for parents. This is a fantastic session for you to attend to understand the expectations surrounding SATs for the forthcoming year. It also gives you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. We will be sending a letter out this half-term to ensure you have plenty of notice to attend the information session.

Transitioning to Secondary School

This term the local Secondary Schools will be hosting a variety of Open Evenings to share their schools' values, ethos and curriculum. It would be fantastic for you and your child to attend as many of these Open Evenings as possible, to give you a clear understanding of the excellence provided across the town and local area. To help prepare the children for Secondary School, we will really focus on independence and helping the children to take responsibility for their attitude to learning and their approach to homework. In line with this, we will be having PSHE sessions to support the children with emotional and physical changes throughout the academic year.

We look forward to working with you this year, and we value your role in supporting your child's learning. This is an important year for the children, so we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time, demonstrates good attendance, has plenty of sleep and has an excellent attitude towards their learning.

Mr Wade and Mr Bareham