



September 2022

Welcome back Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to welcome your child to Year 6. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the school year ahead. We could not be happier to see all of the children in school again and we've got lots to look forward to!

We have been working hard planning lessons that we think will be engaging and exciting for the children this year. We'll begin with the topic: 'This is Us!' The children will learn about the history of Southampton as a city and this learning will continue throughout the Autumn Term. To launch this, we will be welcoming a local historian to a special Year 6 assembly to explore how and why Southampton has changed over the years. This will take place on Wednesday 21st September. The children will go on to learn about why people have settled in Southampton and the significance of the city over time. This will enable them to apply their prior learning of different historical periods to the context of Southampton. We hope the children find this local study fascinating!

In English, we will be reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Raúf. This is a story about how a group of classmates feel empathy for a boy (Ahmet) who comes to their school as a refugee from Syria. These children make a huge impact on Ahmet's life. We'll explore themes of prejudice and stereotyping as we read this thought-provoking story. They'll use inspiration from the story to write diary entries in role.

In Mathematics, our half term will begin by developing our understanding of place value for increasingly large numbers (up to 10,000,000), including comparing, ordering and rounding. We will revisit our knowledge of the four operations and recap the formal written methods for these. The children will learn to apply their knowledge to a range of reasoning and problem solving activities.

Please find more information about the Year 6 curriculum on our school website. Here you will find our curriculum overview for the year as well as more detailed unit plans for individual subjects. Please note that our curriculum overviews are subject to change in order to meet the needs of the cohort.

This year, the children will have a longer session of P.E. once a week. P.E. day for this year will be on **Monday**. Please could you ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school every Monday, including a change of footwear. Your child's class teacher will let your child know when they will be having sessions indoors and outdoors so that they can bring the appropriate clothing.



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The children were given new planners last week. We thank you in advance for your support with your child's daily reading and times tables recall. This is more important than ever for your children as they embark on their final year at primary school, as these skills will benefit many areas of learning. Please ensure that home reading is recorded in your child's planner in order for them to gain a sticker towards earning a termly reward – title of book, page numbers and your signature must be recorded.

We are very pleased to let you know that we've purchased revision guides homework. Each week, the children will be set tasks. We'll introduce this to the children towards the end of the first half term. Homework will be set **every Wednesday** and will be **due in on Tuesdays**. This will help the children revisit prior learning and practise taught skills, whilst also preparing them for their transition onto secondary school at the end of the year. We have chosen these days to give children the longest possible time to complete their homework over the week at a convenient time to them as we acknowledge that children may have different out of school commitments. We are very pleased that we have been able to invest in these revision guides for the children and we expect the children to take great care of them. Children will be responsible for making sure that they bring their homework in on time.

We are looking forward to a successful half term. We would like to say thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

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