



Year 6

Autumn Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break. We have an exciting and busy term ahead in Year 6, with lots of fantastic learning opportunities planned for the children.



The Kingdom of Benin

This half term, our main curriculum focus is **The Kingdom of Benin**, through which the children will explore this fascinating ancient civilisation, including its culture, achievements and history, as well as making links to the history of slavery. We will make connections across **History, Geography and English**, giving the children opportunities to develop and apply their knowledge across different areas of the curriculum.

English – Gothic Fiction

The children will soon begin reading our class novel, **The Haunting of Aveline Jones** by Phil Hickes. The story follows Aveline, a young girl with a love of ghost stories, who discovers a mysterious diary and becomes determined to uncover what happened to its owner. However, as her investigation develops, Aveline soon realises that someone – or something – may also be interested in her! As we read the novel, the children will explore the features of Gothic fiction and use the text as inspiration for their own writing, including diary entries and atmospheric descriptions.



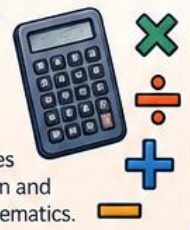
Science – The Heart and Circulatory System



The children will be learning about the heart and circulatory system. They will take part in a range of practical investigations, including creating a model of blood and exploring the structure and function of a real heart. These activities will help deepen their understanding of how the circulatory system works and how our bodies keep us alive and healthy.

Maths – Number and the Four Operations

Our main focus in Maths will be number and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will complete a range of activities designed to develop both their arithmetic and problem-solving skills. We ask for your continued support with practising times tables at home, as secure and rapid recall of multiplication and division facts is fundamental to many areas of mathematics.



We have an exciting term ahead and are looking forward to seeing the children grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for their learning.



A Few Reminders...



PE Kit

Our PE sessions are currently timetabled for **Tuesday (outdoor)** and **Wednesday (indoor)**, although occasionally PE may take place on other days. For this reason, we ask that children bring both their indoor and outdoor PE kits to school on Monday and take them home on Friday.

Children will need black shorts and a white T-shirt for indoor PE, with black leggings or jogging bottoms suitable for outdoor sessions. As the weather becomes cooler, children may also bring a black tracksuit top or wear their school jumper over their T-shirt. Appropriate trainers should be worn for all sporting activities.

PE is a statutory part of the curriculum, so please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school each week. If your child does not have their PE kit in school, we will make you aware.

Homework



Homework will consist of spellings, regular reading, times tables practice and regular English and Maths activities. Homework will usually be given on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. Any changes will be noted in the children's homework diaries.

Homework will begin during the **week commencing 14th September**. We believe homework provides an important opportunity for children to consolidate and practise skills taught in school. In Year 6, it also helps children to develop independence, organisation and good routines in preparation for the transition to secondary school.



The Year 6 Team

A quick reminder that the Year 6 team consists of **Mrs Howes, Miss Weller and Mrs Barker**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us on the playground between 8:40 and 8:45am. Alternatively, if you require a little more time, we are happy to speak to you after school.



Year 6 Expectations Meeting

Our **Year 6 Expectations Meeting** will take place on **Thursday 17th September**, straight after school in the KS1 Hall. This will be a short meeting outlining what you and your child can expect from the year ahead, as well as providing an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are unable to speak to us in person and have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children throughout what promises to be a busy, exciting and memorable final year of primary school.

Many thanks,
The Year 6 Team

