



Autumn 2024 - Welcome to Year 6!



Hello and welcome to Year 6. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and teaching an exciting curriculum. You can find out much more on the Year 6 page of the school website.

The Staff in Year 6 are:

Kestrels Class: Mrs Arrowsmith and Mrs Bailey Sparrowhawks: Mrs Cookson

Mrs Barlow is our Teaching Assistants in Year 6.

Our Topic in the Autumn Term 1

We start the year off with the question, 'How did WW2 affect people in Britain and around the World?' The children will have the opportunity to find out about the events of the war and its effect on Britain and the World.

History	How did WW2 affect people in Britain and around the World?
Science	Evolution and Inheritance
Music	Rhythmic devices and structures
Computing	Isafety and Inetwork
PE	Gymnastics and Netball
English	Proof reading, editing and ambitious language, warning tales.
Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division
PSHE	Me and my relationships
French	A l'ecole – At school

PE will be on a Monday (outdoor) and a Friday (indoor)

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on their day. They should have the appropriate PE kit in accordance with the school PE kit policy. Please note that jewellery is not permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. If your child cannot take their earrings out, please make sure they have been removed before school. Children with long hair should wear their hair up during PE lessons so please ensure they have a bobble.

Reading – Our class text will be: 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll

Reading is such an important skill, and it is pleasing to see so many children with a love of reading. Whilst we do not often listen to individual readers, we do spend time discussing texts within taught reading sessions.

Expectations: children to continue to read at home, ideally at least 3 times a week, from as wide a range of reading materials as possible. We would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes either listening to or discussing with your child what they have read. We will continue to check each child's reading diary at the end of each week to ensure that the children are reading at least 3 times.

We are aiming for 1000 reads before the children are treated to a special Arnold library visit. In addition to this there is a reading reward every half term for those children who have completed the required amounts of reads.

Spellings

Children will continue to receive a set of spellings each week. It is important that children bring their organisers to school each day so that they have their spelling lists with them during practice time. Each Friday there will be a test of the week's spellings and every half term we will test children on about 20 words which all follow the spelling rules we have learnt over the half term.

How can I support my child with their homework?

1. Listen to them read/talk about their book 3 times a week. When this is evidenced in their organiser, it counts towards a class treat.
2. Use the Doodle Maths program twice a week for at least 15 minutes on each visit to the site. Each child has their own log-in where they access personalised work.
3. Help them with the learning of their weekly spellings. Spellings are given out and tested on a Friday.
4. Maths homework or Grammar homework will be set each week from the GCP books you have purchased. It will be marked together every Friday afternoon however if not completed, the child will need to do it during their break/lunchtime. We are being strict about homework in order for a smooth transition from year 6 to secondary school where expectations regarding homework will be high.

Communication between school and home

Starting this September we will be communicating by Class Dojo. You will receive a paper invite to this in the first week. We will use Dojo to communicate messages regarding weekly homework, trips, uniform, reminders, special dates etc. Dojo also enables you to send a private message to the class teacher.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or if you require any support, please let us know.

For urgent matters please phone school or use admin@rbps.org.uk

Many thanks and best wishes,

The year 6 Team