Autumn 2026 - 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: **Mr Martin-Morrell** Sparrowhawks: **Mrs Cookson**

Mrs Barlow is our Teaching Assistant in Year 6. **Miss Fraser** and **Miss Karasz** have also joined the team this year.

Our Topics in the Autumn Term 1

History	WW2
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 Tuesday (outdoor) and a Friday (indoor)

PE Kit Reminder

- Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day.
- Their kit should follow the school's PE kit policy.
- **Jewellery is not allowed** during PE lessons for safety reasons.
    - If your child wears earrings that they cannot remove on their own, please make sure these are taken out before school.
- **Long hair must be tied up** for PE.
    - Please ensure your child has a bobble with them on PE days.

Reading

Our Class Text
We will be reading *'Letters from the Lighthouse'* by Emma Carroll as our class text this term.

The Importance of Reading
Reading is such an important skill, and it is wonderful to see so many children already showing a real love for it.

While we may not always hear every child read individually, we spend time exploring and discussing texts together during our taught reading sessions.

Reading Expectations at Home

- Children should continue reading at home

- Ideally, they should read **at least 3 times a week**
- Encourage a variety of reading materials (books, magazines, newspapers, etc.)

We would really appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes either **listening to your child read** or **discussing what they have read**.

Reading Diaries
We will check reading diaries each week to make sure everyone is reading at least 3 times.

Weekly Spellings

Spelling Lists

- Children will continue to receive a new set of spellings each week.

Organisers

- It is important that children bring their organisers to school **every day.**
- This helps ensure they have their spelling lists with them during practice time in class.

Weekly Tests

- Spelling tests will take place **every Friday.**
- These will cover the spellings given out at the start of the week.

Half-Termly Assessment

- At the end of each half term, children will be tested on **around 20 words.**
- These words will follow the spelling rules taught during that half term.

How can I support my child with their homework?

1. Listen to them read/talk about their book 3 times a week.
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. It will be marked together every Friday afternoon.

Communication between school and home

We will be **continuing to use Class Dojo** as our main method of communication between teachers and parents/carers.

We will use the app to share updates such as:

- Weekly homework
- Trip information
- Uniform reminders
- Special dates and events

You can also use Class Dojo to send a **private message** directly to the class teacher.

Please note that messages will only be checked and responded to **between 8am and 5pm** on weekdays.

For obvious reasons, we will **not be checking or responding to messages during weekends or school holidays**, including the summer break.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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