

YEAR 6 TERMLY

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Dear family,

We hope that you have had as relaxing and enjoyable summer as possible under the circumstances. After a long break from school, we are eager to welcome the children back to school. So far, we have been delighted with the children's attitudes towards learning. We would like to thank you for the adjustments you have already had to make around school for Covid19.

As we always do, staff in year 6 will be continually assessing children in every lesson to identify any gaps in their learning that have arisen as a result of the break from school. We will then plan lessons, interventions and support to ensure all children make progress across all areas of their learning.

We hope this letter provides you with some key information about the coming school year.

The staff working in Year 6 this year are:

Teachers

- Mr Fitch (Dinant Link Road Class)
- Mr Scott/Mrs Waring (The Lynch)

Teaching assistants

- Mrs Bacon (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Mrs Bunyan (Thursday and Friday)

Topic

Our first project of the year is "Who won the War?" and we will be delving into the fascinating history of World War II. Throughout their learning, the children will develop their historical skills as well as building up knowledge of some of the key areas from WWII including evacuation, the Blitz, the Battle of Britain, D Day, the Holocaust and many more. Children will be reading and writing about WWII as well to provide them with opportunities to deepen their understanding of the war.

Within this project, children will also be developing their drawing skills, which they will use to produce an educational comic strip towards the end of this project. To support with this, a published comic book author will visit us to help the children develop their own artwork.



English

English lessons will be linked to our topic of World War II. We have some exciting lessons planned which will both develop children's knowledge of grammar and sentence structure whilst using a range of high quality and ambitious vocabulary to keep a reader engaged.

We will be writing Blitz poetry, evacuation letters and then be producing some high quality information texts about significant events in WWII that will help children to produce their comic strips. Independently editing and improving their own work will be another key skill we will be teaching throughout all of these areas.

Maths

We are continuing to use our Maths No Problem scheme this year to teach and deepen mathematical understanding across the school. We will start by looking at place value and numbers between 100,000 and 10,000,000. In the coming weeks, the children will then apply this knowledge it to the four operations (+ - ÷ x). Quick recall of times tables is critical, especially in year 6; having a secure knowledge of these will allow children to focus on new mathematical concepts. Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables at home. Using Times Tables RockStars is one fun way children can practise their times table; log ins will be sent out for this in the coming weeks.

Reading

Reading is extremely important as it not only opens up a world of wonder and stimulates the mind but has also been proven to: improve comprehension skills; reduce stress; improve knowledge of the world around us; expand vocabulary; improve one's punctuation use, memory, focus and concentration. Therefore, we highly recommend that children read an appropriate level book at least 3 times a week to an adult. Please record this in your child's home-school journal.

We have a wide range of Year 6 recommended readers at school, which the children can borrow. Some of these fantastic books are: Holes by Louis Sachar, Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson, Carrie's War by Nina Bawden, Coraline by Neil Gaiman, Timesnatch by Robert Swindells, Varjak Paw by SF Said.

We will provide your child with an appropriate reading book from school, but they are more than welcome to read books from home that they love as well and to bring these into school to read too!

PE

P.E lessons will take place on Friday afternoons. It is essential that children come into school on Friday wearing a full PE kit (including well-fitting trainers). A list of P.E kit can be found on the school website and replacement kits can be ordered via the office. If your child is unable to take part in P.E for any reason, please contact the school office so they can let the class teacher know.

Lunchtimes

As we would like to use all of our outdoor space for play all year round, we would ask that children bring in a pair of named wellies/sturdy boots/trainers that can be kept at school for use at lunchtime. They will also need a waterproof coat or jacket as we are likely to be outside in all weathers!



Homework

Spelling, reading and times table homework will be set weekly in year 6. More information will be sent out over the coming weeks regarding this.

There will also be an opportunity for you to order CGP revision books which are designed to help your children revise key maths and literacy knowledge and to help them prepare for SATs. Again, more information about cost and the ordering process will be provided over the coming weeks.

We are excited to be back at school and to start working with your children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support this year. If you have any questions or queries at any point, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

Mr Fitch, Mr Scott, Mrs Waring, Mrs Bacon and Mrs Bunyan

SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school

FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

JEWELLERY

- The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

