



## Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6! I am glad to see the children ready for an action-packed and exciting term. I will be teaching in Year 6 alongside our Class Teaching Assistant Miss Baber. On Thursdays, Miss Baber and Miss Oastler will both be covering my PPA times. This half term, our value is **COMMUNITY**. During our time for Collective Worship, we will be thinking about how we are part of our local and wider community and what we can do to reach out and support them. After half term, our value will be **PEACE**.

### English

Our English lessons will centre on a variety of high-quality texts, which will enable the children to explore a vast range of genres and concepts.

We will also be consolidating understanding of key grammatical writing features and we will be linking these to our writing. There will be a big focus on handwriting to ensure that the children have excellent letter formation. Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills.

Y6 children are asked to take ownership of their home reading and write their own diary comments each night.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term we are concentrating on Number, Place Value and the four operations. It is very important that children feel confident in their knowledge of numbers and of their properties. Please feel free to come and speak to me if you need clarification on our methods of teaching any elements of Mathematics. We are also timetabling a weekly multiplication practice. After lunch, the children have a varied timetables test. To help them improve, they should practice their times tables at home as much as possible. It is important that the children learn them 'off by heart' so that they can perform rapid recall of any question.

### Science, Computing and Design and Technology

This term in Science, we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. This involves describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics. After half term, we will be looking at 'Evolution'. The children will be able to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. This term in Design & Technology joint with computing, we will focus on designing healthy meals.

### History and Geography

Our main topic in History is the Vikings. We will develop children's knowledge and help them understand how this important group fits into the chronology of Britain. Through discussion and investigation, children will understand the terms 'invaders' and 'settlers' and discuss motivations for emigration. They will gain an historical insight into the lives of Vikings and British people.

In Geography, the children will be studying 'our challenging world' and the geographical changes and effects our world has seen during time.

### PPA

On Thursday afternoons, I will be having my weekly non-contact time out of class for half a day. During this time, Miss Baber and Miss Oastler will be covering Year 6.

### RE

This term the children will be learning about how the Christian message survived. After half term, we will be looking into how people of faith serve God and bring freedom and justice to others.

### Arts

In Art this term, we will be improving on our drawing and painting skills. Our unit for Autumn Term will be focusing on the artist 'Jackson Pollock', a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement. We will be experimenting with techniques in our sketchbooks, labelling these and recording observations.

Music this term will focus on learning the song 'I'll be there' and learning about Jazz. In French, we will be learning key classroom language, say actions in the first person and third person and learning about France.

### Uniform

Please check that ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags, are clearly labelled. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Please ensure your child has a winter coat during the colder months.

### Wellbeing - P.E, P4C and PSHE

On Monday afternoon the children will have P.E. The children will now be coming into school in their P.E Kit. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit: blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and yellow T-shirts. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. Children will be required to remove earrings during P.E. Any changes to P.E times will be communicated through weekly homework letters or Parent Mail.

We will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills across the curriculum. This term, we will be focusing on mutual respect and community cohesion. This will focus on diversity and migration. Additionally, we will focus on valuing Self and Others, particularly recognising different types of relationships, including those between acquaintances, friends, relatives and families.

### Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Thursday. Spellings will be tested on Fridays. Please help your child to revise the spellings. Children should be encouraged to do their homework as independently as possible; in case of any difficulties in doing their homework, we encourage children to approach with a Growth Mindset and have a go. Children can still circle any questions that they struggled with and we can go over these together. We will check the homework collectively in class. It is important all children take pride in their homework and look after their belongings.

### Dates

15.09.25 - 19.09.25: Year 6 Residential

25.9.25 - PTFA AGM

04.10.25 - PTFA Year 6 Cake Sale:

16.10.24 - Harvest Service at Christ Church

25.10.25 - 02.11.25: Autumn Half-term Break

24.10.24 - Happy School Bag Collection

18.11.25 - School Photos

W/C 24.11.25 - Parent and Carer Evenings

01.10.25 - St Andrew's Day - Blue shirt for St Andrew's team

W/C 24.11.25 - SSA Parent and Carer Evenings

17.12.23 - Christmas lunch

*And finally...* Thank you very much for your support. We all know year 6 is very a special year for our children. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and we will organize an appointment to discuss these.

I am very happy to answer your queries and no question is too small!

Miss Best

Year 6 class teacher