

Year 6 Newsletter : Summer 2 2019

Welcome back to the final half-term of the academic year, Year 6!

Hopefully, all of the children have had a well-earned break after a very hectic and challenging four week Summer 1 half-term. All of the staff that have been involved with teaching Year 6 have commented on how mature the children were in completing both their mock and actual SATs. They were a credit to themselves and the school - well done Year 6!

This half-term not only brings the end of the academic school year, but will bring the end of primary school for our lovely Year 6 children. This half-term will be jam-packed with a lot of hard work, fun and memory-making that the children can take with them onto the next chapter of their education.

We will start this half-term by really working hard on key writing skills needed for the children's End of KS2 Writing outcome. Pupils MUST ensure that they are in school every single day to ensure that they have sufficient evidence to support their targets. Writing Booster sessions will continue on certain dates for some children for the first two weeks of the Summer 2 term.

The staff in Year 6 are also organising lots of END OF YEAR events and experiences for the children to take part in, including a LEGO robot day, web designing day, Summer Fayre organisation, Leavers' trip, Sports Day, transition days, Bikeability, St John's First Aid training and a Leavers' assembly. It is important that all pupils' attendance is 100% so that they are able to take part in these events but also receive skills in core subjects that will support them in their transition to secondary school.

As always, please come and see us if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you

Mrs Blower, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Critch

READING ROCKS CHALLENGE

Your children has been given a 'Reading Rocks' Challenge booklet to complete over the next half term. There is a total number of books each child is required to read in order to win prizes. Please see the booklet for more details and support your child in completing this challenge.

PE Kits

ALL children will require a full PE Kit in YEAR 6. It is advised they bring it to school on a Monday and return it home for washing on a Friday. Earrings must be removed for each session - plasters must not be used to cover earrings. Long hair should also be tied back.

Warmer Weather

It is advised that pupils come to school wearing sun cream and also bring a suitable hat/sunglasses to wear when outside. Water bottles must only contain water and should be in school at all times during warm weather.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 6th June - LAST DAY for hoodie orders
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June - Bikeability
Friday 5th July - KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 9th July - SATs results returned
Thursday 11th July - Parents' Evening
Friday 12th July - Y6 Leavers Trip
Tuesday 16th July - Y6 Summer Fayre
Thursday 18th July - Leavers Meal at COSMO
Friday 19th July - Leavers Assembly

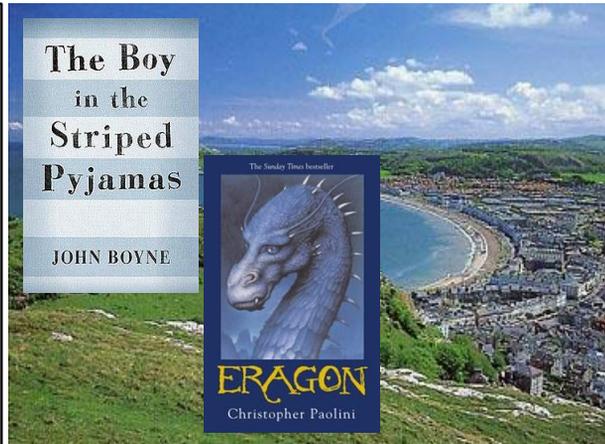
Transition Dates for Secondary

Dates and times are specific for each school - please see schools for additional information.

Grace Academy - Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd July
Pool Hayes - Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd July
Khalsa Academy - Fri 5th July
Willenhall E-ACT - Thur 4th & Fri 5th July
West Walsall Academy - Wed 3rd July
St Thomas Moore - Fri 28th June
Wood Green Academy - Wed 3rd and Thur 4th July
Bloxwich Academy - Wed 3rd July

Literacy

The beginning of this half term is vital in providing the pupils with opportunities to develop key writing skills and also completing writing tasks to support their end of KS2 writing judgements. We will continue to focus on the text 'The Giant's Necklace'. As well as this, Year 6 will produce a piece of writing based on Llandudno from the start of the year and also revisit writing from 'Eragon' and 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'.



Mathematics

During this half term, Year 6 will continue to complete a wide range of mathematical investigations. These will involve a wide range of problem solving skills in which children will need to use pre-existing knowledge and also work systematically and collaboratively.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is extremely important in Year 6. The Government has set the guideline for pupil attendance to be 96.2% as per the National Standard. It is very important that children are present in school each day to ensure good progress in learning - Every Day Counts! Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by **8.50am**.

Children in Year 6 start each day with **Morning Starters** so it is very important they start school on time.

Homework

- In Year 6, children are expected to develop their independent work skills further in preparation for secondary school life. This includes reading (approx. 30 minutes per night). A key element that many Year 6 children need to develop is being able to read fluently at pace. Please encourage this by listening to your child read regularly. Home readers will be sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to take a free choice book home from our school library.
- Your child also has a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. **Please ensure that this is filled in once a week.**
- **Homework is due back in school by Wednesday.** This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.
- Year 6 also have a Learning Journal. Please ensure that your child is showing you this journal every week and that **you sign it** so that you are aware of the homework they have received. This is essential in preparing your child for secondary school. Some children still need support in organising themselves and are yet to bring their planners in every week. We appreciate the support you are giving them.