

## Welcome to Year 6

The children have settled in well to their new year groups. The following information is designed to help you understand what happens in Year 6 and how to support your child.

**Timings** Year 6 should arrive in school at **8:45am**. Please try to arrive on time to avoid clashing with other year groups' start times. The Year 6 children should be **collected at 3:00pm**. Again, please try not to arrive late to collect your child as the Year 3 children will be coming out at 3.10pm and too many parents can cause crowding on the playground, making social distancing difficult.

### Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 6 are as follows:

Unicorns: Mrs Phillips (Phase Leader)

Dragons: Miss Butt

Mrs Whitehouse provides cover for Miss Butt.

Mrs Mack provides cover for Mrs Phillips.

Teaching assistants:

Miss Whitmarsh, Mrs Khela, Mrs Toye, Miss James and Mrs Rumble.

### Topics in Year 6:

Autumn term: - Maps and  
The Victorians



Spring Term:  
The USA



Summer Term -  
The Maya

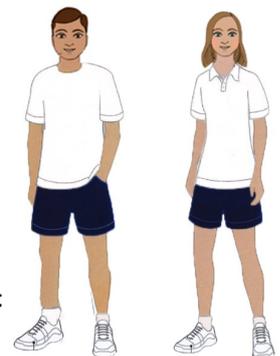


### PE/Outdoor Games

Outdoor PE is on a Friday afternoon. **Children need to come into school every Friday in weather-appropriate PE kit, including trainers.** We will go out in most weathers. Children need to be warm enough over the winter and cool in the summer. Therefore, dark tracksuit bottoms (preferably black) plain white t-shirts and plain dark jumpers/tracksuit tops are required in the winter, while plain dark shorts and white t-shirts are needed in the warmer months. It would be helpful if children could keep a pair of trainers in school for when we walk our golden mile.

**We are currently unable to complete indoor PE due to the current situation. If we are able to start this again later in the year, our indoor PE day is Tuesday.**

Please ensure your child is wearing correct kit on PE days. **All earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure they can either remove them or provide micro-pore tape for them to be covered** (this can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.) If possible, it would be appreciated if children could leave earrings at



## SATS:

It is a statutory requirement for all children to sit SATs (standard assessment tests) at the end of Year 6 in English and Maths (unless they are significantly below expectations). Results are shared with secondary schools. SATs week begins 10th May 2021. Children will not be authorised any absence during this week.

## Reading books:

The children will bring books home to read. When finished these should be returned to school. Books which have been home will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before another child can choose the book.



## Homework:

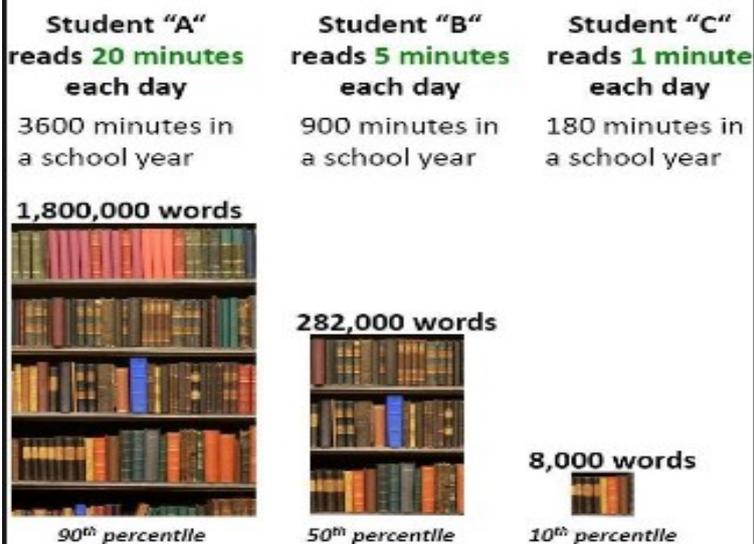


All children in Year 6 are expected to read **at least 3 times a week**. Unfortunately, we can't send reading diaries home at this point but the children will be encouraged to record their home reading the next day in class. Please continue to read regularly with your child. In Year 6 it is still really important that the children are reading aloud to an adult and particularly, discussing vocabulary meanings.

Children also need to learn their times tables and their half-termly spelling lists.

Sometimes, longer projects are set instead and when this happens, the due date and details will be sent out.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

## Trips & Themed Days

With the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to book any trips or visitors at this time. We will continue to review this situation as the year progresses.

If we are able to, Year 6 will go to Testwood Lakes for a geography field trip in October. Before the visit, they will learn about reading and following maps. More details will be sent asap if this goes ahead.

In the 2nd half of the Autumn term, Year 6 children dress up and experience life as a Victorian child and take part in a number of hands-on activities on our Victorian day. More information about this will follow.

Usually at this time of year, we would be asking for deposits for our optional 4-night residential to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight which is provisionally booked for the week beginning 8th February 2021. At this current time, we are unsure whether this trip will be able to take place. We will inform you as soon as we know more!



## TBPS Friends

Our school friends committee is looking for more volunteers to help them organise and run fundraising events. If you are able to help, please contact the office who will advise you of the time and date of the next meeting.

## Any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, we are always available on the Year 6 door at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can send in a note for us to read.