



Autumn 2022 Newsletter

Amethyst, Indigo and Violet Classes

Welcome to Year 6

It has been a pleasure welcoming back the children after the summer holiday. All three classes have settled in really well and made a great start to life in Year 6, working hard and enjoying being back among their friends. Below is information that you need to know about the different topic areas your children will be covering this term.

Curriculum

Maths

This term in maths, the children will be developing their understanding of place value in numbers up to 10 million, practising key skills such as rounding while applying their knowledge to a range of reasoning and problem-solving challenges. Following on from this, the children will develop their fluency by working on the four main operations (+ - x ÷) and practising using formal written methods. In the second half of the autumn term, we will be learning all about fractions. Throughout the year, we will be using regular tests to reinforce our arithmetic and times table knowledge, so please ensure your child works on their target times tables at home.

English

Our first English unit of the term is based on a mystery story called 'Alien Landing'. Following Pie Corbett's 'Talk For Writing' approach, we will be planning and writing our own mystery stories using many of the key features that we have identified within this text. In our reading lessons, we will be studying Malorie Blackman's biography by Verna Wilkins and using this to develop our inference and comprehension skills.

Science

In science this term, we will be learning all about the human circulatory system, as well as looking at the effect that diet, exercise and lifestyle can have on our bodies. Over the course of the first half term, we will be carrying out a range of practical investigations, including measuring pulse rates before and after exercising.

Humanities (History & Geography)

Our first geography topic is Our Changing Environment beginning looking at processes such as weathering and erosion and the effect that they have on the environment. Later on, we will be identifying the impact climate change is having on our world. In the second half of the term, we will be exploring eco-systems in the polar regions – specifically how they are adapted to the challenges of the environment.

Music, PE & French

In PE this term, we start with Tag rugby and developing an understanding of the rules and key skills such as evasive movement and ball handling skills. Then we will be playing dodgeball and developing throwing, catching and dodging skills. After that, we will further develop our football skills with a particular focus on tactical awareness, teamwork and leadership skills. We have several competitions to look forward to including Haringey cross-country, a netball tournament and the Haringey football cup. In French, the children will be extending their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills by expanding the range of questions they can ask and answer. They will also learn how to describe the weather and will develop their geographical knowledge of the French-speaking world.

Religious Education

Our school is lucky enough to have close links with our church. Our clergy team work with us and are frequently involved in lessons. Our school values are reflected in everything that we do. This term, our curriculum focus is the Jesus 'I am' statements and we will further develop an understanding of Jesus and what he represents to Christians. In the second half term, we will explore how Christians advertise Christmas and how this links to our community.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on Fridays in the children's homework books. The expectation is to complete the work and hand it back in on the following Wednesday. This will always contain a list of spellings to be learned as well as times tables to be practised along with an accompanying task relevant to our class learning.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Wednesdays**. In addition to this, we will be continuing swimming lessons on Thursdays for this term only. Children come to school in uniform and bring their correct PE kit with them.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do listen to them and ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the only jewellery allowed at school are small stud earrings. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime and a bottle of water.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Mobile phones

If your child truly needs a mobile phone (Years 5 & 6 only), it must be clearly labelled, switched off before they enter the school premises and handed in to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

Key dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 19th September: Queen Elizabeth II's funeral – school closed as a mark of respect
- Friday 23rd September: Jeans for Genes Day - please wear an item of denim with your uniform and bring £1 to help fund research into genetic disorders
- Wednesday 19th October: Harvest Festival Assembly
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th October: half term – school closed
- Monday 31st October: INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 1st November: children return to school as usual

Important Secondary School information:

- Secondary school transfer meeting Wednesday 21st September at 6pm
- Secondary school application deadline is Sunday 31st October

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please do contact the school and we can phone you or make an appointment - we really value close communication with you.

Miss O'Donnell, Mr Gould and Mr Cummins
Year 6 Team