

# Hi!

# Welcome to Year 6

Welcome back to Abbey Gates, welcome to Year 6 and welcome from Mr Rich and Mrs Miles. We have lots of exciting things going on this term and cannot wait to see what your children will achieve.



Children in Year 6 are increasingly encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. It is about encouraging independence in preparation for bigger things to come, such as secondary school. Year 6 children are the role models of the school and I know this class will do Abbey Gates proud - demonstrating the school's 5Cs: **Care** **Compassion** **Courtesy** **Cooperation** **Confidence**.

## **BIG Question**

In Year 6, this Autumn term, we will be moving onto our Discover Project and focusing on History using via our Big Question of 'Who suffers the most during war/conflict?' This project will mainly focus on World War II: with the children developing an understanding of who was involved in World War II and why; what it was like to be an evacuee; what, where and why did bombings happen; studying the impact of propaganda; looking at the key roles played by women; what anti-Semitism means and how this led to discrimination against Jewish people in Europe. As part of this Discover Project the year 6s will be going on a visit to the National Holocaust Museum. This visit will explore identity, propaganda, history, choices and what it is to be human.

## **Curriculum Focus**

**English Writing genres:** Narrative (Dairy/Journal), Recount/Narrative (Flashback), Blank Verse Poems, Formal letter/Persuasion and Autobiographies.

**English Reading:** Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll and Rose Blanche' by Roberto Innocenti

**Mathematics:** Place Value, Four Operations, Fractions, Converting Units of Measure.  
**PE:** Gymnastics and Basketball

**RE:** What can we learn from people who resist discrimination and persecution?

**Science:** All living things and their habitats (Aut1). Electricity (Aut2).

**D&T:** Electrical systems: Steady hand game

**Computing:** Data and Information - Spreadsheets



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## PE

Year 6 will take part in double PE on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Martin. Please could all children come to school in their PE kit on these days. It's also helpful if children do not bring earrings in on these days.



## Year 6, Autumn Diary Dates

- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September  
*Year 6 parent information meeting and residential meeting*
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September  
DAaRT starts for the next 10 weeks
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October  
*PGL, Residential*



## Drinks



We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please ensure that your child's drink bottle is clearly labelled.

## How can you support your children at home?

- **Reading:** There is still an expectation in Year 6 that children read every night as reading is the foundation for all other learning to take place. Make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading.
- **Maths:** Complete a Maths tasks, recapping an area of maths that you struggled with in year 5. <https://www.iseemaths.com/lessons56/>
- Complete an arithmetic paper and self-mark. You can find these on the school website.
- **Spellings:** Focus on the Statutory Spelling words for Years 5/6 (Years 3/4). Choose 5 or 10 a week. You can find these on the school website.
- **Sticky Questions:** These questions encourage discussion. The Year 6 children will be given a different question each week and we will discuss them in class on Friday. Please take some time to discuss these each week.

We will continue to regularly update our class pages with relevant information and updates in regards to the amazing learning that will be taking place. As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange meeting after school.

Yours sincerely,  
*Mr Rich and Mrs Miles*