

# 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 planned for 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. This year, we will be encouraging more 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 and Confidence.**

## BIG Question

In Year 6, this autumn term, we will be starting with our Discover Project, focusing on History through our Big Question, 'Who suffers the most during war/conflict?' This project is based around 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 bombings happened; 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. We will explore identity, historical choices and what it is to be human.

## Curriculum Focus

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

**English Reading:** 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle and 'Rose Blanche' by Roberto Innocenti

**Mathematics:** Place Value, Four Operations, Fractions, Converting Units of Measure.

**PE:** Gymnastics and Basketball

**RE:** What was the Kindertransport? Who resisted and rescued? How can we be Upstanders today?

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

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

**Computing:** Data and Information – Spreadsheets

## PE

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



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## Year 6, Autumn Diary Dates

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September  
*Year 6 Parent Information Meeting*
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> September  
DAaRT starts for the next 10 weeks
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> October  
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## 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 a continued expectation in Year 6 that children read every night as reading is the foundation for all other learning. Please make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading.
- **Maths:** Information to follow at the Year 6 Parent Information Meeting. It is always good to keep practicing those Times Tables, reading of both analogue and digital times, converting measurements. An arithmetic paper (with infinite reloads) can be [found here](#), and it can be self-marked.
- **Spellings:** Learn the weekly 10 spellings, ready for being tested the following Wednesday.
- **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.



## Enrichment

In order to provide a range of enrichment activities, we would greatly appreciate donations to our school enrichment fund. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per term (or £6 for the year). Please make the donation via the school gateway.  
We thank you in advance for your support.

We will continue to regularly update our online class pages and the school Facebook page with relevant information and updates regarding 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*