



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.



During the Autumn term, as part of our 'Explore' project, the children will be answering the big question of 'How is the world split and yet connected?' The children will be: developing their map reading skills, finding out about the various invisible lines around the world, exploring topographical features, researching into human and physical features of our planet, locating the world's countries, and major cities. This will allow them to discuss how our world is split and yet connected.



Curriculum Focus

English Writing genres: Non-chronological Report, Narrative/Classic Poetry, Informal Letter, Narrative, Auto-biography/Biography

English Reading: 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

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

PE: Gymnastics (Mr Rich) and Basketball (Mr Martin)

RE: What do sacred texts and other sources say about God, the world and human life?

Science: All living things and their habitats (Autumn 1). Evolution and inheritance (Autumn 2).

D&T: Mechanisms - Automata toys

Computing: Data and Information - Spreadsheets

Year 6, Autumn Term Dates

- Wed 7th Sept: Parent Info. Evening (+PGL info.)
- Wed 14th Sept: Individual Photos.
- Wed 12th Oct - Friday 14th Oct: PGL residential.
- Wed 6th Oct: Joseph Whitaker transition (6 week block)



PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Please could all children come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back on these days and that children are not wearing any jewellery (especially earrings).



Pick and Mix Homework

- "Pick and Mix" homework is for the whole half term.
- Please try to complete the activities that are in a grey coloured box at least once a week.
- You can choose to do the other activities that engage your child and meet their learning need.



How can you support your children at home?

- **Reading:** There is still an expectation in Year 6 that children read every night and that their reading record is signed. Make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading.
- **Spellings:** Focus on the Statutory Spelling words for Years 5/6 (Years 3/4). Choose 5 or 10 a week. Fortnightly, children will also be provided with their Focus 5 spellings to learn which they will be tested on.
- **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

