



Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

WELCOME TO YEAR 6!

AUTUMN TERM

We hope that you had a wonderful Summer with your children. The children have been settled today and have already been working hard. The children will be introduced to new topics and will build upon the skills and concepts learnt last year. As always, the year six staff will be working hard to make sure the children learn in a fun and exciting way. As the children are now in Year 6, we will be promoting independence as much as we can throughout the year. Please remember you do not have to wait until parent's meetings to get in touch. If you have any worries or questions about any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch. **Please ensure that you have access to Marvelous Me.** Important information, pictures and children's learning are sent here on a daily basis. If you do not know your log in for Marvelous Me, please contact the school office.

TOPICS

This term's topic is 'The Anglo-Saxons'. We are looking forward to learning lots about the History of how the Anglo-Saxons lived and we have some fun and exciting lessons planned to stretch the children's imaginations.

In Science, we will be learning about Forces (Autumn 1), and Earth & Space (Autumn 2).

In Geography, we will be learning about Locational Knowledge, focussing on North & South American countries.

In Art, we will be focussing on drawing and painting.

In Reading - our class novel will be Beowulf, and we will be doing lots of work around the book.

Don't forget to visit our webpage, <https://stgerards.npcat.org.uk>, Facebook & Twitter to find out more about what we will be learning and see photos of your children enjoying themselves throughout this first term.

READING

As always, we will be relying on your support to ensure that the children are reading to an adult at home at least three times a week. Including fiction and non-fiction literature would help to broaden your child's awareness of what is out there to read. This could include newspapers, magazines, leaflets, posters, comics, story books, information books, the list is endless. Asking your child questions about what they have read, will also help with their understanding of what they have read. Each child will be given a plastic zip wallet with a brand new reading record, a stage book, a reading for pleasure book and a bookmark. Please can you acknowledge daily that you have heard your child read, whether this is with a short comment

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or just a signature. We have introduced a Harry Potter themed 'reading at home chart' in the classroom, where children can work their way up and receive rewards in the process.

SPELLINGS

Spellings will be given out on a put on to Google Classroom every Friday, and the children will be tested on the spellings the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings, (including putting them in sentences) as this will help to improve their literacy skills as well. If your child can not access Google Classroom, a paper copy will be sent home, as well as sending them out on Marvellous Me.

HOMEWORK

Compulsory homework includes reading at least three times a week, learning their spellings and learning their times tables to prepare them for their weekly tests. Times Tables Rockstars, My Maths and Hit the button will continue to be used in class, and can be accessed at home.

Extra Maths and/or Literacy homework tasks will be set weekly in order to prepare them for end of term assessments. This homework will be set on Google Classroom and will be expected to be completed to a good standard. If your child cannot access Google Classroom, a paper copy will be sent home.

Non-compulsory homework is the suggestions on the Anglo-Saxons homework grid. This homework will be shared with and celebrated with the class. This is an opportunity to be creative at home.

PE KIT

Your child in Year 6 will be doing PE on a Tuesday and Friday. As before, the children will be expected to come to school in PE kit on their PE days. Correct PE kit MUST be worn, this includes sensible footwear. (See below for expectations of the PE kit).

FOOTBALL KITS MUST NOT BE WORN FOR PE.

If your child does not wear the correct PE kit, they will be expected to change into a spare kit from school. Children from Reception to year 6 are required to wear the kit specified below. Wearing the correct kit is important for issues of health and safety, school identity and avoidance of bullying.

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Indoor PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt;
- Navy blue or black loose fitting shorts;
- Plimsolls or training shoes - these should be a different pair from their school shoes (for dance and gymnastic activities pupils will have bare feet)

Outdoor PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt;
- Navy blue or black loose fitting shorts;
- Navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms;
- Navy blue or black tracksuit top or sweatshirt without a hood;
- Training shoes - these should be a different pair from their school shoes

LONG HAIR

Pupils with long hair must have it tied back during PE activities. Pupils should bring a bobble or tie to do this.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES ARE MARKED WITH THEIR NAME

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. If your child comes to school wearing jewellery, it is their responsibility to remove their own items and to look after them. Staff cannot remove earrings or replace them back into a child's ear. Please ensure you remove your child's earrings before coming to school if they are unable to remove their own. Your child will be unable to take part in the physical side of PE if they are unable to take earrings out.

FOOTWEAR

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

We're looking forward to a successful and fun year!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hogarth & The Year 6 team

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