

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

We have been so excited to welcome all of the children back this week and we have been really impressed with how well they have settled into Year 6 so quickly.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Next week, we will start to explore our geography unit related to our prehistory. On Tuesday, they will go on a local walk to see where Iron Age people settled, conduct investigations in the River Slea and learn about how the area around Lollicocks is being developed to protect the environment further. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to go pond dipping with the Hill Hoilt Wood rangers to support their understanding of classification in science.



ENGLISH

We will begin most of our days with Talk4Writing lessons this year and we are sure the children will enjoy discussing our class stories. Because reading is so important, we hope the children can continue to read their Renaissance books at home. It really is the single best thing you can do to support your child's learning. We are starting Talk4Writing lessons next week and our first focus will get you hooked. We'll begin by exploring chase sequences in stories to create suspense using lots of drama and role-play to understand the genre. We can't wait to see what scary creations the children come up with!

THE YEAR 6 TEAM

Year 6 Team Leader: Mrs Swain
Year 6 Teacher: Mr Grayling
Year 6 Teacher: Mrs Irwin
Year 6 Maths Teacher: Mrs Lee
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Savage
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Sweeney
1:1 Mrs Suzie Harding
1:1 Mrs Sam McKenna
1:1 Miss Jess Frost
1:1 Mrs Emma Hill

MATHS

During maths, each class will focus on a wide range of key skills. We'll build on knowledge of place value, and revise both mental and written methods for the four operations. Your child is expected to know all of your times tables by now, so we will be doing lots of Times Table Rockstars. We will also be practising maths fluency in classes daily to keep our skills sharp.

HOMEWORK

Both English and maths homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due in on Thursday. Both must be presented to the highest of standards. Children are also expected to complete 10 garage games on Times Table Rockstars every week. Spellings will be sent out and tested every Monday.

For children unable to complete homework at home, we offer a free, drop-in homework club every Tuesday lunch time in Mrs Swain's room. If your child is struggling one week, or needs help every week, they can just turn up, no booking required.

KEY DATES

- Tuesday 8th September- River Day.
- 11+ Saturday 12th September (Verbal).
- Saturday 19th September (Non-Verbal).
- Hilltop 1st deposit (£80) by 25th September.
- Hilltop 2nd deposit (£80) by 15th January.
- Hilltop balance due (£177.50) by 24th March 2027
- SATs: 10th -13th May 2027
- Hilltop residential: 26th -28th May 2027.

UNIFORM

Please remember that ties and black shoes are important to keep the children looking smart. As Year 6, we are role models for the younger children so it is more important than ever. We also remind our parents that makeup and false nails/nail varnish are not permitted in school.

LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

science	All Living Things – classification.
GEOGRAPHY	Why was Sleaford chosen as a settlement in pre-history? Give views on different geographical representations. To describe how locations have changed over time. Human migration. Map drawing skills of historical settlements Fieldwork: visiting a local site to investigate why humans settled here.
COMPUTING	Computing systems and networks – communication and collaboration.
ART	Digital Art
PE	Yoga. Basketball/Tag Rugby/Hockey
RE	Should a worldview always stay the same?
PSHE	My healthy self: How do my choices today shape my future health? Developing knowledge of how making informed choices now can support future wellbeing by exploring the effects of mindset, behaviour, dental hygiene and care for others and self.
MUSIC	History of musical theatre. Glockenspiels.
FRENCH	Linked to class story. Exploring places in France.