

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children into their new Year 6 classes. They have settled quickly into their work and routines with their class teachers.

To give you a clearer picture of the areas of the curriculum that we are covering this term, we have attached an outline of the subjects that we plan to teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

Year 6 is an incredibly important year for all children in preparation for their SATs in May. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Spellings:** Throughout the year, the children will be working through a scheme of work to help learn the different spelling rules. Each week, the children will be given weekly 'Log and Learn' spellings with a test on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home every day for 30 minutes and record this in their diary (please follow the guidance of page 19 of your child's home learning diary). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD) and once read, they are to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz (minimum of one quiz every two weeks). Diaries will be checked daily and signed by their teacher on a Friday.
- **Maths:** Two Century nuggets will be set weekly each Wednesday. Pupils should log into Century using the school Google login found in pupils' home learning diary.
- **CGP Practice Books:** The children will be given three CGP Practice Books to complete. Each week they will be asked to complete one test from each book (Reading, Maths and Grammar). We will mark these every Friday in school.

Home learning diaries should be in school every day as they will be checked, referred to and used regularly.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these deadlines, as it is good preparation for secondary school.

As per school policy, children are not required to bring in additional equipment such as pencil cases and backpacks. We will continue to provide each child with the necessary stationery. We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights, and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only – please remember that we are a nut-free school) to eat during morning break.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously, illness cannot be avoided but if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.



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PE: A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons and taken home to be washed after. Trainers must be worn and, during the winter weather, black tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms and a warm jumper should be included. All pupils must wear a white school PE shirt. **PE will currently be on Friday.**

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Neville, Miss Barlow & Miss Kindred

Year 6 Team

Autumn 1	Topic
Maths	<p>We will begin by exploring place value to provide a solid foundation for subsequent topics. We will then focus on comparing and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. Negative numbers will be our next focus where we will understand how to compare them efficiently.</p> <p>Once we have covered these areas of number, we will focus on securing our knowledge of various methods to solve problems involving all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. During our division focus, we will look in detail at both short and long division. Next, we will learn about prime, cubed and squared numbers and incorporate these into how we order operations. We will end the term by deepening our understanding of multiplies and factors to help aid the understanding of fractions. During our fractions topic, we will learn how to simplify, find equivalent fractions and order fractions.</p>
Writing	<p>Our first writing unit will ask the children to explore newspaper reports. Here, the children will write their own report based on a stimulus from our reading text. Our second unit of the half term will be focused around a procedural text, where the children will write instructions on how to create a spy gadget. Their independent writing will consist of instructions on how to become a spy for their target audience.</p> <p>Our final unit of the half term is poetry. Here, the children will respond to a stimulus and compose their own poems.</p>
Reading	Our reading text this half term is <i>StormBreaker</i> by Anthony Horowitz. We will explore this book in depth, choosing target words, answering a variety of comprehension style questions and practising our reading roles during book club lessons.
Art	In art, the children will have the opportunity to express their outer and inner selves through a self-portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo. They will explore how different media can be used to create a representation of themselves.
History	In this unit, we will explore the Maya civilisation. Children will have the opportunity to learn all about the lives of the ancient Maya and explain why they are a significant part of history.
Connect	In this half term, the children will explore exercise using the DNA-V model (discoverer, noticer, advisor and values).
Latin	In this unit, 'How Beautiful!' the children will learn how to join clauses using conjunctions in Latin. They will explore jewellery and how the Romans made themselves more beautiful.
PE	Our first PE focus will be football. Here the children will develop their football skills, focusing on Lauren James as their key person.
RE	Our first topic in RE will be focusing on Islam, exploring the variety of ways that a Muslim can show commitment to God.
Science	Electricity is our first science unit, the children will be exploring the effect of voltage in a series circuit and learning how to keep safe around electricity.
Music	In Music, we will be learning how to find, play and read the notes of middle C, D and B on the keyboard! We will be recalling our knowledge of note values and extending our understanding of the treble and bass clef as well as finding time to enjoy singing in rounds.
Computing	This half term, pupils will be learning about the computer programming language Python and using it to code their games. They will be building on their knowledge of using the Micro:bit programming language from Year 5. Each lesson will start with exploring how to stay safe online.