

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

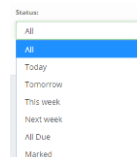
We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer break and that your children are now ready to move into their final year of primary school, keen to take on new roles and responsibilities.

Take One Scientist

We are starting off our new school year with a Science Fortnight, focusing on important Scientists from the unit of Science we are studying – Evolution and Inheritance. Our Scientists are Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace, and a lot of the work we carry out will reflect their theories. Attached to this newsletter is a curriculum map providing further information.

Home Learning:

Home Learning is set for the children on Fridays and will be written in their Student Planner and online. All children have been reminded about how to log-on and access their home learning. is not visible when logging in, please ensure that you select “all” (as shown in the picture) from drop down and this will show you all home learning set.



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Please understand that it is essential for your child to complete home learning thoroughly, on a neat and tidy manner. If your child is unable to complete his or her work, we ask that parents please write a short note explaining the reason in the student planner, in order to maintain consistency and fairness in the classroom. If there are any questions or concerns then please feel free to use the student planner to communicate with us. It is your child’s responsibility to show us any messages you have written for us or we have written to you.

Children are also expected to read for at least 20 minutes each evening and record this in the Reading Diary section of the Student Planner. Please read your child’s planner each week and sign it; planners should be in school every day and will be checked on a Friday.

P.E

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E kit in school everyday. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed, as part of the health and safety policy. Included in these requirements are trainers for outdoor P.E. and appropriate outdoor clothing in preparation for the coming colder months.

Uniform

Year 6 must adhere to the school uniform policy as outlined on the school website at all times. Hair longer than shoulder length in boys and girls must be tied back and ideally plaited to avoid infestations of unwelcome visitors. Hair accessories need to be discreet and in school colours. We will not accept extreme hairstyles or hair art when in school. Jewellery, make-up, nail varnish, tattoos and hair braids are also not allowed. Small ear-studs that can be removed or easily taped during PE are permitted.

Library

In Year 6, reading is arguably one of the most important skills to prepare children for the SATS. With this in mind, the children have access to quality literature in their classrooms and are encouraged to take books, read them and change them regularly. We have also encouraged the children to read a wide genre of texts, not just stories.

Equipment

School recommends that all Year 6 children use the handwriting pen to develop and encourage a neat, joined handwriting style. We have suggested they may like to use either the Stabilo handwriting ink pen or a traditional fountain pen with blue ink. We hope that you can provide a suitable pen and request that it is labelled.

Mobile phones

In Year 6 your child may bring a mobile phone only if they are walking to and from school on their own and this is something that you - as their parent - deem necessary. However, you must sign the permission slip in order for them to do so. These are available from the office. Mobile phones must be labelled; they will be taken from the children at the start of the school day, stored in the school office and returned to them at the end of the day. They will not be used in school at all.

If you do have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please feel free to contact us either through appointment or in your child’s student planner.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year ahead!

Best wishes,

Mr Grice & Miss Cole

Year 6 teachers

