

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn Term

Building
Brighter
Futures
Together

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with an overview of what will be happening in Year 6 this half term.



Our Theme this term is:

Keighley and Proud!

Autumn half term is a 7 week half term and our words for this half term are:

Community	Collaboration	Championing Children	Care	Consistency	Challenge	Peace
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Our whole school theme for this half term is:

Clear, concise and coherent curriculum.

English

In our English lessons, we will be exploring a fiction text 'Railway Children.' We will be reading the text and answering retrieval and inference questions. We will be learning how to identify and use grammatical devices in our writing and produce a diary in role as one of the characters and we will be writing our own narrative.



From a railway carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson



We will be learning to read, recite and perform poems. We will be looking in detail at the poem and creating our own poem tied into our experiences about what we can see from a railway carriage.

Guided Reading



The Bronte sisters have created a poem "Lines Composed in a Wood on a Windy Day" We will be learning to read, recite and perform poems and in effect we will be writing poems about our experiences. We will be retrieving information from a non-fiction text and learning about the Bronte sisters and their life. We will be writing a non-chronological report about the key events that happened.

Maths

As part secure of topic for Maths we will be learning to our number and place value facts so that we are able to solve number and practical problems which involve money and measures. Throughout the lessons, we will be working on real life problems.

Reading

This half term we will focus on reading fluency and the use of expression and intonation when reading. We will experience reading as a whole class, as part of a group and individually. We will send reading books home each week. Please return these every Monday so that your child can take a new book home.



Geography

In our Geography lessons, we will be looking at maps of Keighley and Haworth and answer questions. We will also be learning how to use ordnance survey symbols and 6 figure grid references. In order to find out more about our locality, we will be analysing maps, aerial photographs, plans and e-resources.

History

As historians, we will be learning about significant people from Keighley and discuss reasons why these people have made a difference and the impact they have had on our lives today. We will place features of historical events and people from the past societies and periods in a chronological framework so we can build up a timeline of our local history.

PSHCE

Me, Myself and Relationships

Our theme this half term for PSHCE is all about Me, myself and relationships where we will be learning about our identity and relationships we have with others. We will be reflecting on a challenges we might face that arise from friendships and learn how to deal with these. We will also be learning to keep personal information safe online.

Art

As part of our Art lessons, we will be creating mood landscapes and using art to express emotions through the use of colour, lines and shading. We will also be planning and designing a sculpture (using a range of different techniques, tools and materials) inspired by Craig Dyson.

Science

The Human Body: Finger on the Pulse

In our Science lessons we will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system. We will be able to describe the function of the heart, blood vessels and blood. As part of our lessons we will be exploring the impact diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle can have on our health. We will also be describing the ways in which nutrients and water are transported in animals, including humans

Important Dates

Tuesday 12th September 9am Welcome to Year 6 Parents Meeting /Kingswood Residential

Friday 24th September Jeans for genes day (fundraiser - non uniform)

Thursday 30th September Macmillan Coffee morning

3rd October to 7th October - Bike to school week

Thursday 6th October - National Poetry Day

Thurs 21st October - Parents consultation

The staff team in Year 6 are;
6RS- Miss Saleem, Mrs Reilly and Miss Aminah
6HR– Miss Robinson, Mrs Nasreen and Mr Ali

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We are so pleased to see you all back in school.



PE and Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning will be on a Wednesday and PE will take place on Friday afternoons. Children will need to **come to school in the correct kit** every Wednesday and Friday please.



School day/ routines



School starts at **8:45 a.m.**
School day ends at **3:15 p.m.**



There will be members of the Year 5 and 6 time on the yard before and after school. If you have questions please come and speak to one of the staff team.

Equipment



Children will need to bring their own water bottle to school every day.

NO pencil cases or stationary, School provide children with all the equipment they need.

Learning at Home

Reading: Children are expected to read for at least **20** minutes every day. Please listen to your child read and encourage them to develop good reading habits. Ask your child questions about the texts they read and please fill in the reading records so we can give your child a new book.



Library – Every Monday, the children will spend half an hour in the library, where they will select a book they can take home and read for pleasure. Our library sessions will include a time for the children to read their books and also, we will provide them with an opportunity to listen to a range of texts.

Homework Menu

Children will be given a homework menu. They must choose an activity from either English, Maths, Creative or Other. Homework books will be given out on Friday and must be completed and handed in on **Monday morning**.

Times tables: By the end of year four children are expected to be able to recall all of the multiplication and division facts up to 12x. Regular practise of these is vital for your child to become secure with these facts. Please help your child to say and use their times tables.

Spellings

Children will be given a list of spellings every Friday. Please help your child to read and spell these correctly as they will be tested on these in class.

Break and Lunch Times

Break Time

11:15-11:30

Children can bring in a healthy snack for break times as it is a long morning.

Snack trolley – available from October, children can purchase items to eat at break. More details to follow.

Lunch Time

12:30 - 1:00 pm. (Lunch in class)

1:00 1:30pm. (Outside)

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Kingswood

The Kingswood residential trip will hopefully take place in February next year, 19th – 21st. Please see a member of staff for more information, more details to follow. This is an amazing learning experience for our children and they have really enjoyed it in past years.