



to Year 6!

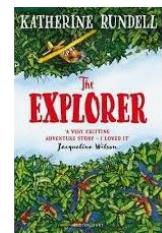
Dear parents/carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the summer break. They have settled into the routines well and have been really engaged with what we have been doing in class so far.

1. Anything you want to discuss, please get in touch via the office. They will forward on any emails, which I can then reply to, or I can follow up with a call if necessary. Alternatively, pass in a note or letter with your child if you prefer.
2. Year 6s have more responsibilities and higher expectations. They are seen as role models by the other children and are given special jobs. We expect their behaviour around school and their attitude to learning to be exemplary. They always rise to the challenge!



3. Mrs Tipping will cover my PPA on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Pearce, Mrs Parkes & Mrs Downs will be supporting the children in various ways throughout the week.
4. **Homework -**
  - Spelling/ Handwriting practise - out on a Thursday to help the children practise the current spelling rule we are studying as well as their handwriting. This needs to be returned by the following Wednesday. They will be tested on Wednesdays.
  - Reading - even in Year 6, children should still be reading regularly at home. It is vital preparation for the year ahead. Please use the Reading Record to record **home reading (including where your child has read independently)**. We congratulate children for reading 25, 50, 100, 150, and 200 times during the year with certificates.
  - Every 5 reads at home recorded in their Reading Record (initialled by an adult) will earn them a raffle ticket. At the end of each small term, three names are drawn and they will receive a free book.



- Maths - Times Table Rock Stars is designed to be used little and often. It is suggested that children use it for three minutes, four times a week as a minimum. Mymaths.com will still be in place as an option, not an expectation, for those who would like to practise what we have been learning in class.
- Topic projects may still be set as an option (not an expectation) depending on the suitability of the topic.

- In the Spring term, different homework will be set for Y6 pupils. They will also be provided with revision guides to support learning. There will be a SATs Assessment meeting in **early 2026** to explain this and other information on SATs.

*If your child is finding any aspect of the homework difficult, please contact me.*

5. **PE** – Gym Run lessons will take place with Mike Weeks on a Tuesday afternoon. The class will also have PE on a Friday afternoon with myself. It is important that children have PE kits in school all week. It serves as a spare set of clothes as well as a PE kit. The PE kit is navy/ dark shorts and a plain, white t-shirt, but a dark tracksuit is acceptable in the colder, winter months. A spare pair of socks, especially for those that wear tights, is also recommended. As children are now in Year 6 we expect them to remember their kit every time.
6. **Jewellery** – Children can only wear a watch and one pair of simple stud earrings. For health and safety reasons these will need to be removed for PE. No rings, bracelets or necklaces please. If ear-piercing is recent (less than 6 weeks), studs may be left in the ear as long as they are safely covered with micropore tape. It is the child's responsibility to ensure they bring this tape from home for this purpose. If they are not confident removing earrings then they should not wear them into school on PE days.
7. **Art** – Where possible, children need to have an art apron for use in school. This need not be a specially bought apron; an old large t-shirt or shirt is just as good. We cannot guarantee that clay, paint or glue will wash out of clothing.
8. **Water bottles** – clear with sports lids are preferable. They need to be in school every day.
9. **Please ensure that all items are named.** Our lost property basket can get quite full!
10. **Woodland** – we will use the woodland at certain points throughout the year. I will let you know in advance when we will be going down there so that you can provide the children in more appropriate clothing.
11. **Medication:** Any medication for children must be left at the office. If your child needs an inhaler, they should already have one in school. Inhalers will be kept safe in the classroom, in case it is needed. If your child has recently been diagnosed, please ensure that you contact the office to let us know as soon as possible, as we need to keep a register of all asthmatics and medications.
12. In the Summer term, children will continue with their Sex and Relationships education, which builds on what they learnt in Year 5. They will also learn how a baby is made.
13. **Mobile phones.** The children do not need to bring a mobile phone to school. However, if necessary for walking home it can be left in the school office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions, **Ross Williams**.

*(Year 6 hoodies are organised by Y6 parents out of school. If this is something that you would like to do again this year, let the school know so we can give you advice on how to organise this.)*