

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

Welcome to year 6! We are sending out our Autumn term 1 newsletter early during our transition day so you have information about your child's new class ahead of the summer break. A copy of the newsletter will be sent out as normal via Arbor after the summer holidays. We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Welcome

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6!

We hope you had a lovely summer and you had time to relax with family and friends before an eventful term begins!

This newsletter details information about the first term's curriculum and the programme of study in the first term of Year 6. It will also give you key dates for term 1 at the bottom of the newsletter.

As a reminder:

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that Upper Key Stage 2 uniform is **black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie**. All pupils in Year 6 should be wearing an academy tie. If you do not have one, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. I look forward to working with you for the next year.

Miss Celebicanin

Spelling and Reading

This term, we will test our spellings on a **Monday** and new spellings will be sent home on **Tuesdays**.

We will be reading a wide variety of texts, continuing to work on skills such as inference and explanation, finding evidence in the text to support our arguments.

This half term, we will be reading 'Pig Heart Boy', which is a fictional story about a boy who receives a heart transplant, except the heart is a pig's heart. The book details the boy's fears, challenges and tribulations as he navigates life with a new heart.



Writing

Fiction: Alma – video stimulus.

Non-fiction: Balanced Argument "Should xenotransplantation be allowed?"

This term, we will be writing in different genres using our class book, Pig Heart Boy, as a stimulus. We will be focussing on developing our writing using a wider variety of punctuation as well as using a variety of sentence types in our work. We will also be focusing on developing our vocabulary and using higher level word choices and topic specific vocabulary in our work.



Maths

In Maths, we will start the year looking at place value: reading and writing numbers to 10,000,000, comparing and ordering numbers, rounding numbers and negative numbers.

We will then move on to the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will work on factors, square and cubed numbers, multiplying 4 digit by 2 digit numbers and we will begin to learn long division (dividing a 3 digit number by a 2 digit number).

Top Marks is a great online platform, which enables pupils to play Mathematical games to build their knowledge and it's free! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Please also support with timetables at home using TTRS! If you need your child's log in detail again, please speak to Miss Celebicanin.



Science

In Science this term, the children will be studying 'The Human Body'. We will be learning about how the heart works, the different parts of our heart and how our circulatory system works. We will also be looking at what blood is made from. We will also be conducting a heart rate investigation.





History & Geography

In History, pupils will be learning about 'World War 1'. Pupils will begin to understand the causes of World War 1; what life was like on the Western front and the consequences of the war.

Children will need a letter from parents if they wish to wear goggles.

All jewellery must be removed prior to going swimming and long hair should be tied back.

In RE, Year 6 will be learning about Buddhism, looking at the enquiry question 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?'



Weekly homework will be given out on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

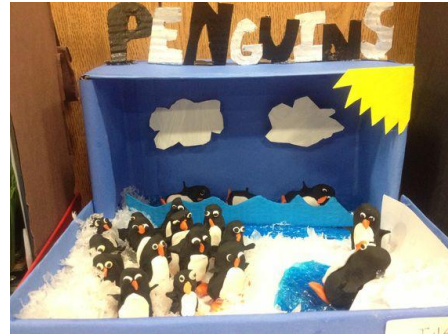
Homework

- Create an information board explaining the events of World War 1.
- Write a biography about a significant person during World War 1.

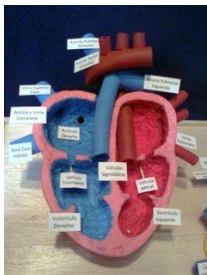


- Create a fact file about the Arctic and Antarctic – explain their similarities and differences.

- Create the Arctic or Antarctic in a shoe box with their specific wildlife!



Science:



- Create a life-sized human body which shows how the heart and circulatory system works!



- Create a 3D model of the heart.

Dojo points will be awarded for Homework Projects – all children are expected to complete one of the projects and bring them into school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. We would love to display them on our shelves in the classroom!



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Yourself

Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Maja Celebicanin

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Eden

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Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, **we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.**



Dates for the diary!

Autumn 1

Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day 1 - School closed for pupils

Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day 2 - School closed for pupils

Thursday 3rd September - School reopens for pupils

Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th September - Reception home visits

Monday 7th September - Reception settling in session

Monday 7th September – Year 6 Parent Welcome Meeting 2:30pm

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th September - Y6 residential trip to PGL Caythorpe

Tuesday 6th October - Individual and sibling photos

Wednesday 14th October - Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 15th October - Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

Friday 23rd October - School closes to pupils for Half Term

