



# Welcome to Year 6

September 2024

Start of day: 8:50am      End of day: 3:15pm

## Key Stage Two Phase Leader

Miss Raper

## Classes in Key Stage Two

Y3: Mrs Heasman

Y4: Miss Raper / Mrs Lister

Y5: Mrs J Hall / Mrs Taylor

Y6: Mr Proud

## Staff working with your children this year:

Mr Proud

Mrs Durance

Mr Tinjod (French specialist)

Dear parent/carer,

A big welcome back from all of us in Year 6. All the staff in Year 6 are so excited to work with you and your child over the next year. Please remember that all members of staff are happy to speak with you at any time over the year regarding the learning and well-being of your child. Do not hesitate to contact us via our online platform (E-Schools) or by contacting the school office (01740 630270). Alternatively we are happy to discuss any issues with you during morning or evening handovers provided we have additional supervision for our class.

Please find below some important information for this year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

### Y6 Key Topics:

#### Autumn

Egyptians

Classification of living things

Evolution

#### Spring

Rivers/Industrial Revolution

Circuits

#### Summer

Our Changing World

Light and Sound

Our Bodies

### Educational Visits:

Robin Wood Residential

Pantomime visit to  
Billingham Forum Theatre

Farm Visit

Durham Cathedral Leavers'  
Service

### PE:

The designated day for Y6 PE is Tuesday and Wednesday. PE kits are required to be brought into school each half-term so that we can have flexibility with the weather for outdoor PE.

Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events at Stockton Venues.

Swimming will take place in a 2 week block on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Below is a guide to homework. Please note we may issue other homework as appropriate. We use E-Schools to set and mark homework.

Day	What I need for school today	Homework Expectations
Monday	Reading book	Weekly Spellings issued (Please note that spellings won't be sent out until the week after Robinwood, 16 <sup>th</sup> September)
Tuesday	PE kit	
Wednesday	PE kit	
Thursday		
Friday		Homework set on eSchools to be completed by the following Friday. Maths and English will be online via Educake (the children will receive details of this shortly) or Times Table Rock Stars.  Each term I will also issue a Topic Homework Grid, which has different activities the children can choose to complete.

## KS2 SATs

Year 6 is the year of SATs (statutory assessment testing). This is a statutory test set by the department for education; SATs assess English, Maths and Science. We will be working hard in class to ensure that the children are well prepared but completing their homework regularly will also be of huge benefit to their preparation. It will also help to prepare for them for their next step into Secondary education. Please note that SATs will take place the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It is essential that children attend school as much as possible in the lead up to and delivery of these assessments. We will also offer some optional after school booster sessions in the spring term to help the children further prepare.

## A Love of Reading

We will be reading a lot of fantastic books as part of our English lessons including: *Secrets of a Sun King*, *Percy Jackson* and *Holes* but I would also like to encourage the children to bring their books from home to enjoy in their free reading time. We have also purchased a lot of new books for our school library, which the children will get to visit every Friday afternoon. Y6 pupils will become 'Reading Buddies' to support the younger children with their reading fluency.

Developing good comprehension and reading fluency is essential. Attached is a list of the top fifty recommended books for your child's year group.

You may enjoy reading them together.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6/>