



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION



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Who's who?

Willow Class – Class Teacher: Miss Holliday Teaching Assistant: Miss Morgan/Mrs Owen
Sycamore Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Miranda Teaching Assistant: Mrs James/Mrs Rose
Forest Team Leader of Learning: Mrs Lang



Our Topics

Term 1: Out of this World (Space)

Term 2: Has there ever been a better time to live?

Term 3: Extinct and Endangered

Term 4: The Lady of Shallot

Term 5: Together we can...

Term 6: The Apprentice

Year 6 is a busy but fantastic year at school. It is great that parents want to help and support children with their learning at home. Please use the website as a source of information or ask for a copy of the calculations booklet for maths. It may be of help to attend the various parent workshops being run this year too.

Throughout the year, children will be working towards personalised targets. These will be discussed with you at The Learning Conferences (TLCs). To support your child at home it would be beneficial to work on times tables (they need to know up to 12x12) and to read daily as always.

Learning groups

Most teaching and learning will happen in a whole class setting. The children will be in different groups in the classroom in a mixed ability setting. Teaching assistants and teachers support all children in and out of the classroom, individually or in small groups, to meet the individual child's learning needs. The children will all know their next steps in English and Maths and the groups have been planned to help the children meet these. Some children may be invited to attend some early morning booster groups to support their learning even further.

School Priorities for 2019-20

Every year, the school produces an Improvement Plan that lays out what it hopes to achieve during the coming terms. This is approved by Governors who monitor the impact of any improvements.

Once again, our end of Key Stage results are very strong and we are achieving above National standards in the vast majority of subjects at every Key Stage, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This is a testament to all the hard work of our pupils and the staff, supported by you at home.

Last year our focus included enhancing subjects beyond English and Maths, to ensure we provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is rich and engaging. This was enhanced by many events, including our Arts Week and Language Fair. We hope to include many more events like these this year. Reading was another focus and again we have seen greater numbers of children engaging in reading both in the classroom and beyond, and end of Key Stage results validate this.

This year we will have a focus on Writing with a mastery approach. This follows on from our successful Maths Mastery teaching. This ensures children have mastered a writing skill before moving on to the next stage. More information will become available as we go through the year. We shall also be developing the children as global citizens, ensuring they have a growing understanding of the current issues affecting the world we live in. Finally, we have an embedded assessment and reporting system across the school, however we would like to adapt these procedures this year. This will involve parents views to ensure we are providing you with the most relevant and accessible information about your child's progress and attainment throughout the year. We shall update you on progress of our priorities as we go through the year.

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School Uniform

We hope that all children will take pride in looking smart in correct uniform for school, including school shoes. The only earrings allowed are simple studs, no other jewellery or nail varnish is permitted. If for any reason your child is not wearing appropriate clothing or footwear we would appreciate a letter. You will receive a letter from us if your child is not in correct uniform. Please ensure uniform is named. Long hair must be tied back. Hair bands/alice bands must be plain and not too thick and scarves and large flowers are not permitted. We ask that haircuts are appropriate for school.

Healthy School Packed Lunches

As a Healthy School, we ask that children have suitable items in their packed lunch box. We ask that they only have one of the following:

Crisps
Biscuit
Cereal bar
Cheese string
Peperami
Cake/cake bar
NO SWEETS

Children are also only permitted to bring in water to drink with their lunch.

Fruit and water

Fruit is still provided most days in KS2, though you may still provide fruit if your child prefers specific fruits. This should not be in their lunch box as these are stored away from the classroom at break time.

We also encourage the children to bring a named water bottle in from home, as remaining hydrated helps learning and trips to the water fountain can be a distraction!

PE

All children should have a PE kit in school. As the weather gets colder please provide a tracksuit or similar and trainers for outdoor PE .

Plimsolls, navy shorts and white T-shirt for indoor and outdoor PE.

No ear rings for PE please.

Both classes – Outdoor PE will be on a Wednesday. These days may occasionally change so it's important that kits are left in school.

Timestables

It is also an expectation that by Year 5 & 6 children know their all of their tables up to 12 x 12, and their related facts. We will continue to test children as part of the 'Rockstars Maths' award in which certificates are awarded for continued high achievement. Times tables should be practiced regularly at home. Children can also practise at home via Timestable Rockstars. A reminder of their login will come home with them.

Reading

If your child is a more able reader we offer a selection of books from a KS3 reading list. Occasionally the content of some of these books are quite mature or contain some mild language. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Buster's Book Club

We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark too. We will then collect the data and awards will be given out in Friday Assembly. This includes badges, class trophies and tickets to attractions such as Leeds Castle.

The target for Year 6 is= 20 minutes per night

Communication

We believe that communication between home and school is vital. Staff are usually by the classroom door at the beginning and end of the day, and can often spare a few minutes to talk *after* school, although we do frequently have other commitments. Feel free to make an appointment if you want to speak to us, or we may be available over the phone after school. It is possible we may contact you this way.

Finally

We hope that you have found this information helpful, please keep it for future reference. If you have any questions or there is anything we've omitted please ask your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to getting to know your children well this year, and supporting them in their learning so that they make excellent progress.

Here's to a fantastic Year 6!

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