

Welcome to Year 6

Croeso i Blwyddyn 6

We would like to provide you with some information so that you are aware of our organisation and teaching strategies.

The Year 6 Team

Miss Carter (Class 6C)

Miss Swann (Class 6S)



Aims



In Year 6 we aim to continue developing all the skills and knowledge gained from your child's time in Key Stage 2. It is important that we prepare pupils for the transition to secondary school and therefore encourage independence and responsibility. Any strategies which you can offer to support your child would be most welcome.

Homework



Homework will be given on a Friday, to be returned by Wednesday. An English based homework will be given one week and a Maths task the following week. Pupils will complete their homework on the sheets provided, this will then be marked and placed in your child's homework folder which will be kept in the classroom. We shall inform you if more than two pieces of homework are late or missed.

PE



We have PE twice a week, indoor and outdoor. Children need to be dressed appropriately for the activities and weather conditions. Specific days for PE are as follows:

Indoor: Class 6C-Friday, Class 6S- Wednesday

Outdoor: Class 6C- Thursday, Class 6S- Thursday

If, for whatever reason, your child cannot participate in PE on a specific day we ask that you send a note in to inform the class teacher.

Spelling

In line with educational research and our own experience as teachers, we do not feel that weekly spelling lists have any long term impact on improving spelling. Many pupils are able to learn a set of words and commit it to short term memory but cannot apply this knowledge in their writing. We do, however feel that the teaching of spelling is very important and we will do this through a weekly focus on letter strings, rules and strategies.



Reading



Pupils are grouped according to reading ability, however, these groups are flexible and, at the discretion of the teacher, movement between them is quite common.

Guided Reading sessions are held daily. Pupils are given guidance but choose books independently from the school library to take home. They each have a Reading Record which should be completed as a diary of their reading. The most important factor is that children are either reading or hearing stories regularly. Encouraging children to enjoy reading is essential if they are to read independently.

Ways to help your child

We look forward to working in partnership with you in order to make the most of your child's time in Year 6. Listed below are some ways in which you can help your child at home.

- Learn times tables
- Quick recall questions involving addition and subtraction
- Encourage children to deal with money when shopping e.g. working out what the change should be
- Reading to your child
- Listening to your child read
- Visiting the library
- Look at atlases and maps together
- Helping your child with homework tasks



Absences

The register is a legal requirement. Please inform the school of reasons for your child's absence by letter or phone call.



Dinner Money

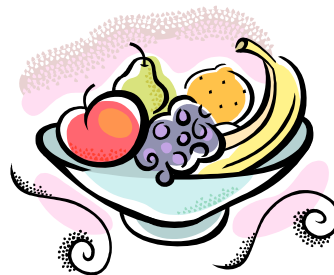
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£9.50 per week



Healthy Eating

Throughout the Foundation Phase pupils solely eat fruit as a snack. We would encourage parents to continue this excellent practice by helping their child to make a healthy lifestyle choice.



Proposed out of school visits

- Welsh Mountain Zoo- Colwyn Bay
- Danger Point- Talacre
- Local fieldtrips - Prestatyn
- Theatre trip - to be confirmed

Timings of the school day

School starts at 8.55am.

Children are able to come in to class from 8.45am.

Morning break: 11.00-11.20am

Lunchtime: 12.30-1.15pm

Afternoon break: 2.20-2.30pm

End of school day: 3.15pm



Seeing your Child's Teacher

Success and happiness depend on both parents and teachers working together for the wellbeing of our children. If there is an issue of concern please do not hesitate to either send a note or make an appointment to come in and see your child's teacher.

Parents' Evenings will be held during the autumn and summer terms. A written report will be given in July.

