

RICHARDSON ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome to Year 6



Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 6.

Year 6 is a very important year at primary school, and I am sure a lot of you can hardly believe it has come around so quickly! As a new teacher to the school, I am keen to get to know you all and will make myself available after school to talk with parents.

Developing independence is an important part of being in Year 6. We are very aware that part of our role in school is to prepare our children for their move to secondary school and with this in mind, much of the Year 6 curriculum fosters responsibility and independence. From the moment the children enter Year 6 they are responsible for their own learning, expectations are high (as they are in other year groups) and they are encouraged to work independently. We ask that parents support this by helping to develop children's independence and by encouraging them to be responsible. Children should pack their own school bag (no large bags - school book bags only please - we are struggling for storage and space), be responsible for their homework tasks and complete their homework on time.



Homework will typically be one piece of English work and/or one piece of maths work each week. This will usually be given out on a Thursday and due back in on a Thursday. There will be a weekly spellings to learn which will be handed out on Monday to be tested on Fridays.



Encouraging reading as a leisure activity can be one of the best ways to improve your child's performance in English (and in other subjects, and indeed life!). Better readers make better writers and better learners! Remember, children should be encouraged to read for enjoyment and comics and magazines are sometimes useful to encourage more reluctant readers. If your child is not enjoying a book, encourage them to pick something else. Please hear your child read regularly and sign their reading record at least three times a week.



Times tables are the foundation of all maths. Children are expected to have rapid recall of their tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of **Year 4** and be able to relate these to corresponding division facts and beyond. If your child is not yet confident with their tables, please work on these at any and every opportunity - it is essential they know them inside out! This will be invaluable in helping them with their maths work this year.



Initially, PE will be on a Thursday this half term. On this day we ask that the children come in to school wearing their PE uniforms for the whole day. You can refer to the uniform post on the school website if you're unsure about PE uniform. Please also ensure your child will be warm enough as many of our PE sessions will be outside, even in winter! You will also have received a letter this week confirming swimming lessons will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Once swimming has finished, P.E. will then be on a Monday and a Thursday.



Our global theme for the first term is Identity and Diversity. The first book we will be looking at is 'Can I build another me?' where we will explore our identity and what makes unique.



We will also be focusing on the surrounding Victorian era history. life for children working in mills and supporting text for this being 'You worker!'

Arkwright Mills including the We will focus on the living conditions, the innovations in technology. The wouldn't want to be a Victorian mill

This half term we are lucky enough to also have a trip to Cromford Mill, which will support the children in their History learning, delving deeper into the conditions and inventions during the Victorian era.

I look forward to welcoming you all back and having a happy and productive year.

Please remember not to book any holidays or appointments during SATs week: 12th- 15th May 2024.

Mr Burrows
Class 6 Teacher