

# Welcome to Year 6

## Autumn Term Newsletter

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## RECEPTION PEN PALS!

We are delighted that this year, we will be able to bring back our Year 6-EYFS Pen Pals scheme properly! Each of the Year 6 children will be given a pen pal in Reception in a few weeks. We will write letters to each other, but also go on trips together with our pen pals. We have found that this scheme really helps the Year 6 children to become more responsible and become the role models we need them to be in school. We also hope to be able to work with elderly members of the local community too, something which further helps our Year 6 children to see their place in the world and to respect people from all backgrounds. We've already written to our pen pals today to welcome them to their new school!

## WHERE WE ARE INSPIRATIONS EVERY DAY!

Welcome back from the Summer break! It was so great to see you all back in school again and you had a fantastic first day in Year 6! We have some awesome topics lined up for you in Year 6, as well as some wonderful trips, starting with our visit to York Castle Museum later this term. You'll get extra responsibilities and opportunities in Year 6 that you won't have had before, as well as being able to take part in some of the best Tudhoe 30 experiences in the school! Plus, our mission is to make you the best Year 6s the school has ever seen. If you ever need any help, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the school, or on the class email address, which is

[DTCYear6@tudhoe.colliery.co.uk](mailto:DTCYear6@tudhoe.colliery.co.uk).

## HOMWORK!

**Homework will be starting up as usual this year** and the children will be bringing home their new homework books soon! These contain pages for doing spelling homework AND recording what the children have read at home, which times tables they have worked on and whether they used spelling shed! This is all going into one book, so no more having to keep track of two books anymore!

### HOME READING BOOKS

The children will be choosing their first home reading books of the year over the next couple of days. They will start bringing them home once all of the books in school have been catalogued into our new library system!

### OUR WEEK

This will sometimes  
change.

#### MONDAY

PE and Maths

#### TUESDAY

Science

#### WEDNESDAY

Music and PSHE

#### THURSDAY

RE or Computing

#### FRIDAY

Humanities

## CRIME & PUNISHMENT

## LONDON and VILE VILLAINS

Our topic this term in Year 6 is one that the children always love - Vile Villains. In this topic, we will learn about famous criminals throughout British history, so that we can see how the crimes they committed and the punishments they received have changed over time. The topic also gives us a chance to look at whether all crime is bad, what we mean by good and evil as well as modern crime such as terrorism and cyber-crime. We will also be learning more about London, the capital city of the UK. We will learn more about how the city has changed compared to when some of the criminals we study lived there, as well as more about the architecture of the city and what makes London one of the greatest international cities in the world.





## MARVELLOUS ME!

You may have heard through myth and legend, or experienced first-hand, how much I **love** Marvellous Me! It is a fantastic app and really helps us to work together as a team - at home and school - to celebrate your child's achievements and push them to get even better. If you do not already use Marvellous Me, or there is a problem with your account, let us know and we will get it sorted for you. Then, prepare for A LOT of praise for your child!

### PE KITS

**Our PE Day this year is MONDAY.** A reminder that on Mondays, the children will need to **COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THE CLOTHES THEY WILL USE FOR PE.** All of our PE lessons will be taking place outside, so the please ensure they wear weather appropriate clothing. We decided to keep this going from last year as it worked so well!



### FOOTWEAR

**The children need to come to school EVERY DAY in sensible, active footwear.** This is because even on days we do not have our PE lesson, we will **really** be encouraging taught, active playtimes like we did last year.

### OUR FIRST CLASS NOVEL

#### THE HAUNTING OF AVELINE JONES

Our first class novel this year is called The Haunting of Aveline Jones; this is a newly-released novel that we have just added to the curriculum this year! It is a fantastic story that tells the tale of Aveline, a curious, horror loving girl, who visits her Auntie Lillian during the school holidays. Aveline becomes obsessed with solving the case of a missing girl from the town called Primrose and through this, becomes wrapped up in her own real-life horror story. The novel is heart-warming, but also terrifying and one we are sure the children are going to love. Even better, if you do love it, the sequel called The Bewitching of Aveline Jones is released in only a few weeks! Our first book club books are also fantastic, with The Graveyard Book and The Longest Night of Charlie Noon kicking off the year. We will also read A Christmas Carol in the second half of the term and delving into more ghostly and ghoulish tales as we journey through time with Mr Scrooge. I am sure lots of you will already know this story!

### CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

Just like Year 5, the **CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP** will still run each week. However, now they are in Year 6, the expectation of the children is even higher! Each week, the children can earn **POINTS** for showing different learning and life skills, with the person who earns the most by Friday afternoon becoming **CLASS CHAMPION**. The skills are the same as the ones you worked on in Year 5, but being in Year 6 the expectation of how well you do these things will be higher. **TEAMWORK** is especially important, as in Year 6 we have to set the best example we can to the younger children!

Excellent basic hygiene is going to continue to play a massive role in school, so we will continue to encourage frequent hand washing. On top of this, the children also need to make sure that they sneeze or cough into their elbow, before then washing their hands.

### THE 6 STEPS OF HAND WASHING



PALM TO PALM



THE BACK OF THE HANDS



IN BETWEEN THE FINGERS



THE BACK OF THE FINGERS



THE THUMBS



THE TIPS OF THE FINGERS

**THIS WAY, WE CAN ALL BE HAPPY AND SAFE AT SCHOOL!**

## SATS WEEK 2022

Monday 9th May 2022

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Reading Test

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Arithmetic Test

Reasoning (problem solving) Test A

Thursday 12th May 2022

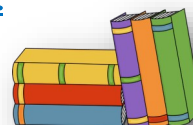
Reasoning (problem solving) Test B

As a school, we are planning on the basis that the KS2 SATs will go ahead this year.

There will be a parent meeting about the SATs much nearer to the time to give you tips on how to support your child.

### BOOK RECALL!

We are aware that a lot of you will have had school books at home that you planned to give back to us at the end of Year 5, but then couldn't due to your class self-isolating.



**PLEASE HAVE A HUNT AROUND THE HOUSE FOR ANY BOOKS BELONGING TO SCHOOL AND RETURN THEM TO US ASAP.**

Every year, hundreds of pounds worth of books go missing that were taken home and we then have to buy new ones, instead of being able to spend that money on something else.