

# Welcome to Year 6

## Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

### Mrs Pickard and Mrs Cullen

Welcome back after the Christmas break! I hope you all had a wonderful time and are ready to hit the ground running! We have another jam-packed term planned, with more trips and events, the continuation of our pen pal work with the Reception children and another great topic! This term, we will also be stepping up our preparation for the SATs in May, but with the excellent attitudes you all showed last term, we have no need to stress about them. You made a stunning start to Year 6 in the Autumn and this was spotted by people throughout school. Now, we need to take it to the next level and really show them what we are made of. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

#### CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

This term, the **Class Championship** will still run each week, with the expectation of what it takes to win getting even higher! Each week, the children can earn **independence points** for showing different learning and life skills we value at Tudhoe Colliery, with the person who earns the most by each Friday afternoon becoming **CLASS CHAMPION**. It is always very tough at the top of the league table due to how stunning every member of our class has been so far this year, so remember to always give the best version of yourself all the time, in every lesson! The reward remains the same: dress down for the week or bonus bouncy castle minutes.

### Spring Term Topics

History American West 1865– 1895

Geography North America

Science Evolution and Inheritance and Living things and their habitats

RE What can we find out about the Jewish Community?

PSHCE Influence of the Media and Becoming more independent

D and T Computer Aided Design within Textiles

Art Manga style drawing

PE Basketball, Dance and Tag rugby

Music How does music make the world a better place?

How does music teach us about community?

Computing Spreadsheets and Quizzing

Spanish Uniforms (to finish), jobs and the home





## WATER BOTTLES

A reminder that as a school, we encourage the children to bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated. It is important to ensure a bottle is provided as sometimes, the children can get very hot and we do not have enough spares in school to loan one to all of the children who have forgotten to bring one in.

### PE KITS

Year 6 will have continue to have PE every week on Tuesday. Children can continue to come to school in their PE kit meaning they do not need to get changed. PE kit is shorts/leggings/joggers, a T-shirt and trainers. This term, our lessons will be both inside and outdoors, so please ensure that your child has a hooded top or a sweatshirt for outdoor sessions.

Children will be encouraged to be as active as possible during playtimes, so suitable shoes should be worn everyday.

PE will start next Tuesday (14th January) due to Bikeability this week.



### SPRING TERM CLASS NOVELS

#### The Nowhere Emporium

The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie offers an amazing journey into a magical world where the imagination knows no limit. Daniel Holmes is an orphan living in Glasgow being bullied for being different. When being chased by the gang, a mysterious shop from nowhere appears and he is able to seek refuge and enter into a new and unknown world

#### The Boy with the Butterfly Mind

(Victoria Williamson)

Jamie Lee just wants to be normal but his ADHD isn't making it easy. If only he could control his butterfly mind then he'd have friends, be able to keep out of trouble, live with his mum and not be sent to stay with his dad.

Elin Watts just wants to be perfect. If she could be the best student and daughter possible, then maybe her dad would leave his new family and come back to Glasgow to live with Elin and her mum, happily ever after.

When Jamie and Elin's families blend, the polar opposites of chaotic Jamie and ordered Elin collide. As their lives spiral out of control, Jamie and Elin discover that they're actually more alike than they'd admit. Maybe there's no such thing as normal, or perfect. And perhaps, just like families, happy-ever-afters come in all shapes and sizes.

### HOMWORK

The children have really been embracing Times Tables Rockstars over the last half term and it has been fantastic to see the improvement in their overall speed! They have given 100% to the challenge of becoming quicker. This has really helped with their arithmetic work.

Following on from Parents' evening, where lots of you asked about how you can help your child with their work at home, we have just completed a trial and have signed up for a new online programme called Learning By Questions.

The programme enables us to target work specifically towards the children's needs. We will be exploring this more in class over the next few weeks and completing tasks together and independently.

We will be holding a learning together on Wednesday 5th February, where you will be able to work alongside your child on some of the tasks and activities that the programme offers as well as a chance to ask any related questions. The children will be bringing their log in home prior to this date for you to have a look at the site prior to this date.

### SATS WEEK

Just a reminder that SATs week this year takes place in the week beginning Monday 12th May 2025.

We will be stepping up our preparation for the tests in class as this term goes on, with more work focused specifically on how to do well in them. The learning together session will include more information on the SATS and how you can support your child at home.

Monday 12th May

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Test

Tuesday 13th May

Reading Test

Wednesday 14th May

Arithmetic Test and Reasoning A (Maths)

Thursday 15th May

Reasoning B (Maths)