



Welcome to Year 6 Leopards/ Zebras



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after your summer holidays. We hope you are looking forward to the exciting events ahead in 2021-22.

We have put together this pamphlet to provide you with information about life in Year 6 for this school year.

If you have any worries, however small, please do not hesitate to contact us. At the moment, this needs to be done using Class Dojo, a brief chat on the yard at home time or through making an longer appointment by contacting the office in order to keep everyone safe.

We hope that by working together we can make this year a happy and very profitable one for your child, offering them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and ensuring that they make the best possible progress in their final year of primary school.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Cameron and Miss Crumbley





IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Start of the day - All Year 6 children are invited to Breakfast Club and are currently expected to be in school between 8.10-8.15am (entering through the hall or gym door). We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives on time and that they are ready for learning. Children will start the day with some online activities and revision either using iPads or the computer suite.

End of the day - Year 6 children currently finish school at 2.55pm. Those walking home alone will exit by the small gate on Axwell Park View. Please let the office know if your child is allowed to do this. A letter will need to be completed so that we have the correct records. Those who are being collected will be brought to the main yard at 2.55pm. Please follow social distancing and wait for your child to come to the front of their line to be handed over. Remember that those with siblings in Year 2 or 3 will leave via the gym/ hall.

Attendance- As a whole school we have an attendance target of 98% and we hope to constantly achieve or better this. Please ensure your child comes to school every day and remember to phone if they are absent. Work will be placed on Class Dojo if a child is isolating so they can complete tasks to prevent them from falling behind with their learning.

Uniforms and Coats - We would be grateful if all uniform could be clearly named! The only jewellery to be worn is a small pair of stud earrings and a simple watch.

Reading - Please remember that reading folders should be brought to school every day. We record which children have their folders in school on a daily basis. We would encourage you to write a comment in your child's reading record book every time you hear them read their books.

PE/ Forest school - Year 6 have PE on a Thursday. Children can wear trainers and tracksuits if the weather is cold. We will also be taking part in forest school on a Wednesday so please send your child in with a coat and appropriate footwear.

Homework - Homework will be given out between 3-5 times per week. This will be in a variety of forms but will often be a short task related to our learning in Maths or Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG). This task should take no longer than 15 minutes and is not a test. All homework will be marked together in class on the due date so that children receive instant verbal feedback of how they have done and understand how to make progress.

Class Dojo- We will be continuing to communicate with parents using the Class Dojo App. Many parents are already signed up to this but it is vital that you are checking this regularly to ensure that no key messages are missed. Children can also have their own account.

Deadline for secondary school application- The deadline to complete the secondary school application form is 31st October (12pm). Please ask if you would like some assistance in completing this as we may be able to help.

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place>

**Key Stage 2 SATs will take place from
Monday 9^h May 2022- Thursday 12th May 2022**

This is what we're doing this term!

English	The children will study a wide range of texts over the year. We will cover narrative, plays, non-fiction and poetry in a variety of ways. Both reading and writing will be a focus to help the children learn and understand different styles and genres of each text type. We will be heard reading in guided reading groups. We are also focusing on our class reader which is called "Walking with Witches" and is set in Newcastle.
Maths	We will be covering the nine key areas of mathematics. These are: number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, ratio and proportion, algebra, measures, geometry, position and direction and statistics. Throughout each area we will be relating the maths to 'real life' contexts and situations in order for the children to see how mathematical skills are needed in everyday situations. We will be solving problems and using our reasoning skills. We will continue to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts and work on speed of mental calculations.
Science	This term in science we are focusing on two areas. Our first topic is living things and we will learn about naming and sorting plants and animals. After half term we will learn about evolution and inheritance. The children will continue to plan, carry out and investigate their own experiments to promote independence and critical thinking.
Computing	We will continue to use computers and iPads in all areas of the curriculum. The children will continue to develop skills at word processing and using specific programmes for a given purpose. They will also learn about coding and use Scratch to make their own game. E-safety will continually be revisited.
PSHE	This term in PSHE we will thinking about how we can keep healthy as we grow. We will look at links between mental and physical health and how to make choices that support a healthy, balanced lifestyle. We will be taking part in the RISE project for 6 weeks which will help us to consider mental health, anxiety and wellbeing. We will also be visiting Safety Works!
P.E.	In P.E this term we will be working on athletics using a programme called Quad Kids. We will also work on looking at fitness and keeping healthy. We will work with Claire, our PE coach, and will also do dance and learn some new routines.
R.E.	In R.E. this term we will be learning about Islam. We will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam and also the role of the Mosque.
Music	In music, we will be taking part in band in a box and learning about samba music. Leopards class will also learn to play the tin whistle. Zebras will have this opportunity later in the year.
Art/ DT	Our artwork this term will be linked with our work on science and we will be drawing living things including flowers and plants using the style of Georgia O'Keeffe. In DT we will look at textiles and will be learning different stitches and techniques to create a product using felt.
Autumn term topic	We will start the year with a topic about crime and punishment and will look at how these have changed throughout history. We will also learn about Historic Newcastle and hope to visit Newcastle Castle Keep and the Lit and Phil. We will then focus on our local area now and this will include reading Ordnance Survey maps.

The Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care
One was a teacher;
The tools she used were books, music and art.
One a parent
With a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart,
Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was loving and sure;
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it over.
And when at last the task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought
And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher,
The home.

Home and School
Let's work together!