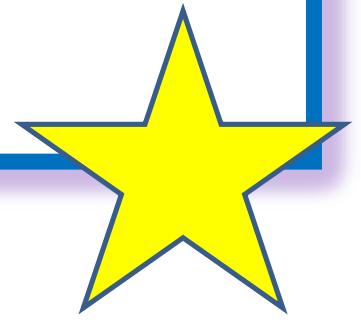




# Year Six Class Page



## Welcome Message

Welcome to Year Six! We hope our class page will be useful in helping you to know more about Year Six and what we do and expect.

As you know, Year Six is the children's final year in our school before they move on to Secondary school. It is a challenging and very busy year, where children will be expected to work incredibly hard throughout, in preparation for their SATs tests. At the same time, it will also be a fun, really exciting and rewarding year! So much happens in so little time!!!

Year Six really is the moment many of our children become 'young people' and not just children, as they begin to demonstrate all of the wonderful skills they have developed during their time in our school. It's a real privilege to see our children mature and become the next generation of doctors, lawyers, teachers, business leaders, politicians, etc. The possibilities are endless with all of our support! We truly believe our young people leave our school well prepared to face the next part of their journey.

## Our Year Six Team



Our Year Six Team is made up of Mr Couper-Barton (class teacher: Mondays and Tuesdays) and Mrs Meredith (class teacher: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). Children are supported brilliantly by Mrs Goodwin (one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants) and Miss Kerys and Mrs Hamer who provide additional support to children.



In addition, Miss Plant (our brand new Sports Lead) will lead PE sessions and some children may be supported throughout the week by our fantastic Learning Mentor, Mrs Nadim.

All children, regardless of ability, will work with a range of adults throughout the week, who will ensure they understand children's strengths, as well as specific gaps in their learning, in order to accelerate their progress.

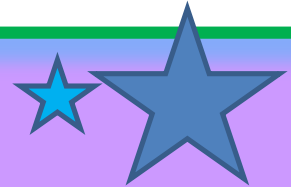


## Going for Gold



## Year Six values:

- We have incredibly high expectations of behaviour, learning and attitude. It is right that we want all of our children to feel pride, a sense of achievement and have a determination to do their best.
- We encourage all children to take responsibility for their actions and the decisions they make, in different situations.
- We promote independence because this is a crucial life skill. It is right that children are expected to think and act for themselves and make well informed decisions.
- We support children so that they are not afraid to get things wrong and show honesty and openness when they're stuck. We encourage children to develop incredible resilience and demonstrate the strength to bounce back or stick with something when things don't quite go to plan. We encourage children to 'know what to do', when they 'don't know what to do'! A really hard, but very important skill!
- We ensure that every child is as prepared for secondary school as they can be.
- We believe that 'every second counts' and that there is no time to waste. Our young people get one chance and we need everyone to take this chance, in order to achieve the best they can and fulfill their potential.
- We believe that if school and parents / carers work together, we can ensure effective support is provided for each person.



## General information

### Getting to school on time

It is so important that every child in Year Six arrives at school on time and be in class for the start of the day at 8.50am. Children arriving late may miss crucial parts of their learning.

### School uniform

We have really high standards and expect all children to come to school wearing their school uniform, looking smart each day. Children must also wear suitable black school shoes. We encourage children to take pride in their appearance.

### PE

PE kits are needed each Monday and Wednesday. Children are expected to take responsibility in ensuring this happens, although we ask parents / carers to regularly check that kits are clean.

Kits should be brought in a bag and be suitable to the sport taking place and the weather conditions. Children will be made aware of the sport so that they know whether indoor clothing or outdoor clothing is required.



## Home Learning Books



Children will receive weekly Home Learning and are expected to complete challenges to a high standard, using a suitable pen or pencil. Home Learning should be returned on time and the days are made clear at the front of the Home Learning book. Home Learning is usually based around a skill the children have been learning in class and has been carefully selected to revisit or extend this skill.

We encourage all parents and carers to spend a little bit of time each day talking to children about their learning. Parents / carers sometimes worry that they themselves may not understand what is being taught and therefore cannot help their child. This is not the case. Talking to children about what they're doing or asking them to explain a task or skill, is a really important part of the learning process.

## Reading Books

Reading is a really important life skill. The more children read, the more effective they will be as a reader, and the better chance they have in being successful in future.

We encourage our children to read at home each day. Books are available from school for your child to take home. Please ask your child about their reading book and check that reading at home is going on. Once again, we encourage parents / carers to talk to their children about the books they are reading, even if it's for a few minutes each day.

## Bags

Children are expected to bring Home Learning Books and Reading Books to and from school each day. We ask that parents / carers ensure that their child has a suitable bag (book bag) to hold their belongings. Book bags may be purchased from our school office or children may choose to purchase their own from elsewhere. Book bags help make sure that Home Learning Books and Reading Books remain in good condition.



## Walking To and From School

Many children in Year Six want to gain independence and one of the things they ask to do is walk to and from school, partly as preparation for secondary school. This is something we encourage families to talk to their child about. As long as we are clear about the arrangements for your child, we are happy to allow them to walk home. We do however encourage children to walk with at least one other friend or ideally a group of friends. Please talk to your child about the dangers of strangers and ensure they fully understand how to cross the road safely, etc.

## Personal Hygiene

This is one area that is really important in Year Six. Our children are growing and maturing, and therefore need to be aware of the importance of good personal hygiene. Let's encourage our children to take responsibility for bathing and showering, for making sure they change their underwear regularly and for ensuring they use deodorants and sprays regularly, including after PE sessions. We ask parents and carers to ensure that necessary products are available to their child.

## Robin Wood

Children in Year Six get the opportunity to take part in a two day residential at Robin Wood (Todmorden) during the Spring Term. This is an opportunity for children to take part in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities, including climbing, caving, canoeing, etc. There is a charge to parents (usually £50) with school subsidising the remaining cost of £150 per child.

We encourage all children to take part, even though we appreciate this may be the first time children may have stayed away from home. We do however ask parents to allow their child to take part as this is often a life changing experience that develops so many life- long skills.

Relevant information is provided to parents / carers closer to the time and we also invite families in to watch videos and attend a question and answer session.

## Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please understand that adults in Year Six are always happy to meet with you to discuss your child. We look forward to building on our relationship with you.

