

**YEAR 6 -
The last
hurrah!**

Year 6: Term 1 and 2

**September
2018**

Welcome back from the Year 6 team!

It has certainly been a long hot summer and we hope you all had a wonderful time and a well-deserved break. The children have settled in well and come back to school full of enthusiasm for the year ahead, excited about the opportunities and responsibilities that Year 6 brings.

As you can see from our termly overview, we have many stimulating and engaging areas of learning about The Amazing Americas including the Mayans, the geography of this region and we're also taking an adventure to the Antarctic with Ernest Shackleton aboard the ill-fated Endurance.

Miss Hodge and Mrs Gliddon teach the Tigerfish class. Miss Hodge is a keen runner and has recently run the Paris marathon. Mrs Gliddon is an enthusiastic forest school leader and on the days she's not in school, can often be found up a tree or toasting a marshmallow over a campfire! Miss Harding teaches the Tetras class and loves cycling, skiing and planes. Mrs Westcott is the baker of the team and ensures all the teachers are well-fed and ably supports teachers and children across both classes. Mrs Simons and Mrs Winter will also be supporting children throughout the year.

It has been great to speak to many of you already in the playground and we look forward to meeting you all formally during the Parents' consultations at the beginning of term 2. At this point we will be able to discuss your child's progress and next steps.



Miss Hodge



Miss Harding



Mrs Gliddon



Mrs Winter



Mrs Simons



Mrs Westcott

Helpful hints and requests

Home learning will continue to be set on a Wednesday and handed in on a Monday. The children are expected to produce work of a high quality and presentation at all times.

Please keep up the **reading** at home. In year 6, reading a minimum of five times a week is expected and we believe that it is important for children to read both independently and with an adult. You can find reading question prompts on our website to use as part of a discussion about their reading.

Whole school **phonics and spelling** sessions will re-start in week 2, taking place 3 times per week with spellings being set on a Monday and tested on a Friday. It is really important that the children take pride in their spelling and learn their spellings thoroughly.

In maths lessons, the children regularly complete **times tables** challenges because a good understanding of times tables help to underpin their mathematical skills; practising them at home will help them move through the challenges. Additionally, any calculation practice would be extremely helpful, even if they feel confident with tricky long division examples, problem solving can cause difficulties!

P.E. is on a Wednesday and a Friday except for when we have specialist coaches in school so the children do need to have their P.E. kit in school every day in case we have an impromptu session!

If any of you have any skills or interests to share, or would like to help in the classes please contact the school office. All offers gratefully received!