



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to all of our Year 6 children and their families. We have loved having the children join Year 6 after the summer break and have been impressed with how quickly they have settled. They have worked really well in the first few weeks, demonstrating mature attitudes to their learning. We have spent this first week getting to know each other and focusing on a positive start to their Y6 journey. Over the coming weeks, we will be supporting the children in their learning by assessing their needs and identifying areas to focus on. We look forward to working with our Y6 children and their families to ensure they have a successful and enjoyable year.

A few key points that we would like to share with you are:

PE DAYS

On PE days, the children are to come to school in their PE kit (white t-shirt; black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms; trainers; and a school sweatshirt). The PE days for Year 6 will be as follows:

Y6HH- Monday and Thursday
Y6R/J - Monday and Thursday
Y6SH - Monday and Friday
Y6S/W - Wednesday and Thursday

HOMEWORK

Homework books have been given out (reading, maths and SPaG). Homework will be set on a Wednesday and we would ask the children to bring it in the following Wednesday. The children will mark their own homework in class each week. Completing this in class means that staff can identify any areas that the children might need support with. The homework consolidates the learning that is taking place in class so we would very much appreciate your support in helping the children to organise themselves to complete the tasks on time. There are also spellings to learn, which are given out on Monday and tested on Friday. Finally, we would like all children to read at least three times a week, which they can record in their homework diaries.

ITEMS FROM HOME

We would like to minimise the number of items from home so would ask children only to bring in the essential items (e.g. coat, water bottle, pencil case, packed lunch and reading book) because their trays are filling up very quickly and there is not a lot of room to store extra items. Also, if your child is bringing a mobile phone into school, please remind them to turn it off during the school day and store it securely in the class box (additionally, please put any smart watches onto 'school mode'). We would also appreciate your support in teaching and reminding the children how to use their phone responsibly (especially in relation to social media).

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

On Tuesdays, we will have our year group assembly. This is a time for us to celebrate the successes of our Year 6 pupils. We would love to hear about any achievements of our Year 6 students outside of school. For example, exams that they have passed, awards that they have received, tournaments they have won and any other success that need celebration. Please email school or send in a note to let us know.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Each class will have several Forest Schools sessions each term. On these days, they should wear outdoor clothing and footwear that is weather appropriate (we go out in all weathers!) and should bring a mug for hot chocolate. You will be notified of these days in advance.

KING
EDWARDS
VISITS



SCIENCE

We are a Rights Respecting School that delivers an engaging and exciting education for all.

We are very grateful to King Edward's School, who have offered each Y6 class a science session based on our topic Electricity. These will take place on Mondays this half term, within the school day.

HOLOCAUST CENTRE VISIT

Later this term, we have a visit to the National Holocaust Centre booked (Friday 7th October). It is a fantastic place for the children to learn first-hand about the holocaust, in a sensitive and age appropriate way.

DANCE WORKSHOPS

On Thursday 20th October we have some World War II themed dance workshops with Sarah Hardy. The cost of these will be covered by the school.

SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY

We also have a theatre company visiting later this term to carry out a workshop with our Y6 children, based on one of Shakespeare's plays (to be revealed on the day). Please keep your eye out for the letter with the details of this.

MANDARIN

We are very fortunate that members of Tapton School staff have again offered us Mandarin lessons for our Y6 pupils. These lessons will take place on Tuesdays; each class will have a session on alternate weeks.

EDALE RESIDENTIAL

Our residential will be taking place between Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th July 2023. Deposits for this residential were collected last term.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks for your support, which is much appreciated.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team

