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Welcome to Year 6



Hello and welcome to Year 6. I hope you have had a good summer holiday. The children in Year 6 have settled in really well to their new classes and they have impressed us all with their eagerness to learn.

Meet the team

The Year 6 team consists of Mrs Roys (Head of KS2 and English); Miss Balmforth (Chestnut and Head of Year 6); Mrs Storey (Beech and SENCo); Miss Rutter (Rowan) and Mrs Walker (Maple). We are also supported by Mrs Bullerwell and Mrs Rushmer (Teaching Assistants), who will be working between all of the Y6 classes. In addition to this, the children will also be taught by some of our specialist teachers with whom they are familiar with from Year 5.

Learning in Key Stage Two

Year 6 now have their own designated Year 6 area which has been designed to meet the needs of all our pupils. Over the next few weeks we will also be carrying out our own teacher assessments to help us build a greater understanding of each child and to enable us to meet their needs.

Parents' evenings and helping children at home

We are hosting Parents' evenings on **Tuesday 3rd October** and **Wednesday 4th October** to give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher and discuss how they have settled in. Details will be emailed home in due course about how you can book an appointment for one of these evenings.

We also invite parents to come into school on **Tuesday 17th October** from **5pm-6pm**. During this presentation we will discuss the different schemes we use in school and offer advice on how you can support your child at home with English and Maths. This will also be an opportunity to discuss the SATs and how they are administered.

Reading

From next week, your child will take home a reading book from the Pearson Bug Club reading scheme or another age-appropriate book from the class library. Children will have the opportunity to change their reading books on a Friday and we ask that you listen to your child read at least three times a week. We ask that you record comments about how your child's reading and their understanding of the book in their reading record, which can be found inside their planner.

Spellings

Your child will be bring home a list of spellings each week. Confidence with spelling has a great effect on a child's ability to read and spell with fluency. Spelling tests will be every Friday. Any help you can provide at home to practise spellings would be appreciated.

Homework

English and Maths homework will be given weekly with homework from other subjects once a half term. A timetable will be issued stating the days in which homework is being given by the different teachers in Year 6. Please ask your child to speak to their teacher if they are unsure of what they have been asked to do.

PE

Pupils have recorded in their planners the days on which they have P.E. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and all items of PE kit are named. PE kits can be kept in lockers and must be taken home every half-term for washing.

Water bottles

Although cups and water are always available, it would be appreciated if children would bring a labelled water bottle to school with them.

Our Twitter account

We know that getting your child to explain what they've done at school can be tricky and so are keen to share with you all of the wonderful things we have been doing in class each week. We now have our own twitter account [@RCS_Year6](#). Please follow us to find out everything that we've been up to.

Things to bring to school each day

Your child should bring a small pencil case to school with the essentials each day. There is, however, stationery available so they need not bring in specialist equipment. Please help in supporting your child also bringing in their reading book, planner, water bottle and dinner card with them each day?

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to getting to know both you and your child over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

K. Balmforth

Miss K. Balmforth
Head of Year 6