



Year 6 News

Autumn Term

September
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Welcome to Year 6. The children have come back with fantastic enthusiasm and have adapted well to the routines of the class. It has been wonderful to see them settle so confidently into the top of the school, where they are setting a fantastic example through their positive attitude and behaviour.

Literacy: In Year 6 we will be starting the term by reading texts linked to our history topic The Ancient Greeks. We will begin with the Greek myth 'King Midas and the Golden Touch'; moving onto read a fiction book 'Who Let the Gods out', both texts will be the focus in our Reading and Literacy lessons. The children will continue to develop reading stamina, pace and enjoyment, as well as their comprehension skills. In their writing they will be focusing on narrative writing for the first few weeks. In the second half term, we will be reading a new text 'Cogheart' and writing a news report from a character's perspective and a persuasive leaflet. Children will learn a new spelling rule in class, each week and will receive these spellings on Google Classroom and they should practise them weekly.

Maths: Children will continue to consolidate the Maths covered in Year 5, with more emphasis this year on understanding and using decimals, fractions and percentages. We will be consolidating the formal written methods for all 4 operations, including long division, and teaching children to apply these to more complex multi-step problems. It is vital that all children know their multiplication tables and if they do not already know these up to 12×12 , please continue to practice these at home or on TTRs. Our focus as a school is very much upon mastery, therefore we will be learning topics in maths at a much deeper level and encouraging the use of manipulatives to help children fully understand new and previous areas of learning.

Science: The Science topic this half term is Light and this will build on the children's previous learning about shadows and how light travels, including how we see objects. The topic after half term will be Electricity, where we will be learning how different components affect the voltage, volume or brightness of other components within a circuit, building on their already strong knowledge of electricity. Across both topics we will be completing many different science experiments that will improve the children's scientific enquiry skills, as well as their understanding about the topic.

Humanities: Our focus for this half term will be History, learning about The Ancient Greeks including; Ancient Greek Life, key achievements and influences on the Western world. We plan to have the Freshwater Theatre Company visiting school on Tuesday 29th September for the children to take part in a workshop related to The Ancient Greeks. In the second part of the term, we will

focus on the Geography of North America; concentrating on its environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities.

Art: This half term we will be linking our Art to our Geography focus topic of North America. We will be using Georgia O'Keefe as our inspiration to recreate paintings of North American landscapes.

DT: Our focus for DT next half term will be sustainability. This will result in the children designing, creating and evaluating their own sustainable product. For this, children will need an old, out of use item and will be upcycling it to have another use. We will be exploring the important idea of reduce, reuse and recycle in these lessons too. Examples in the past have been to repurpose an old pair of jeans into a bag or an old shirt into a cushion cover. We will provide more information later in the term.

MFL: The children will be developing their use of French this term with a focus on activities, hobbies and daily routines.

Computing: We will be focusing on digital literacy and staying safe online this term. This will consist of children using a variety of apps and programmes in their learning and understanding more about the functionalities of these.

R.E: Our focus this term is Sikhism. We will be developing our understanding of the importance of the Gurdwara as a place of worship for the community and key Sikh ceremonies and celebrations.

PSHE: This term in PSHE, Year 6 will be exploring themes of equality, diversity and inclusion. As part of this learning, we will discuss anti-racism, unconscious bias, systemic racism and the Black Lives Matter movement in an age-appropriate way. These lessons will encourage pupils to think critically, develop empathy and respect for others, and understand the importance of challenging discrimination and promoting fairness in our communities.

P.E: Please make sure the children have trainers, black shorts, or jogging bottoms with white t-shirts and that they keep these at school during the week and take them home at the end of the week to be washed. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and only studs should be worn at other times. P.E Days are Wednesday and Thursday. This half term we will be focusing on Health and Fitness and Netball.

Home Learning: Homework this year will consist of reading daily, weekly spellings, daily maths and a weekly reading comprehension.

We would like to emphasise the importance of either reading with your child or ensuring your child continues to read independently each evening and for them to make a record in the reading log provided. Reading logs will be checked weekly by the class teachers alongside the reading challenges.

The children will also have a **daily** maths homework task to complete on [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk). Logins will be sent home with the children from 18th September. This will consist of a few short questions each day, encouraging them to work on their arithmetic skills.

A weekly reading comprehension task will be sent home on Fridays to be completed by Wednesday of the following week.

Spellings will be uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and will be via a link to Oak Academy. We will test the children on their weekly spellings on a Friday.

Homework is paramount to children for many reasons. Firstly, it helps to develop a routine in preparation for secondary school, secondly, it helps to deepen and secure the skills that we are teaching in class. Lastly, we encourage the children to do this as independently as possible as it helps us to identify the support needed and this can be addressed the next day in school. This homework should not take the children longer than 15 minutes.

School Trips and Experiences:

We are continuing the 'pay as you go' method which can be paid for via MCAS. We would be grateful if you could pay for these promptly as soon as you receive the information to ensure we can book the exciting trips, workshops and theatre groups for the rest of the year. The letter is available on our website [Deansfield Primary School - Communication & Letters Home \(compassps.uk\)](https://deansfieldprimaryschool.com/communication-letters-home)

Children will sit an assessment every half term in preparation for secondary school and the SATs at the end of the year. Children should not worry about these and do not need to do any preparation for them at home.

Uniform: We would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is for all children to wear the correct school uniform. Please remember that all school uniform and equipment should be named (including lunch boxes and water bottles please!).

Keeping in touch: We are available at the end of the day for any quick queries you may have, otherwise please contact us via **Google Classroom**. We will respond within **three working days**. If your matter is urgent, please email the school office at deansfield@compassps.uk.

Thank you for your support so far! We are really excited to begin a new, fun filled year and it is lovely to have started the year with a lovely group of children who we already know very well.

Mrs Nisbet and Mrs Henry - Year 6 Class Teachers