



Heathland School Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

A tremendous well done to all of our new Year 6 pupils for settling back into their school routines brilliantly. The children have settled into their new classes very well and are ready to learn. They look very smart in their new jumpers and ties, and we would like you to encourage your child to wear their uniform smartly and proudly, with shirts tucked in and Year 6 ties formed correctly. We would also like to remind parents that if your child wears jewellery, long earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. In addition to this, children should be wearing black school shoes each day.

New Teachers

This year, we welcome Ms Kaczmarek who will be working alongside Mrs Vaughan in Bonsai class in addition to supporting children to fill gaps in pupils' learning.

Role Models and School Values

Now that they are the oldest children at Heathland School, we expect the children to be excellent role models to the younger children, and the children are already rising to this challenge. Positivity is our School Value for September, and we rely on the children in Year 6 to demonstrate this consistently.

PE Days

All classes in Year 6 have their PE lesson on **Fridays**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit into school on this day.

Monitors

Being a monitor is a responsible and highly regarded job at Heathland School. Over the coming weeks, monitor roles will be discussed with the children and they will be able to choose which jobs they would like to have this year. Their job will change each term. Sports Leaders who began their roles last year will be continuing this year.

Home Learning

Home learning for Year 6 will be set every **Thursday** and will be due in on **Monday**. We value your support in this. The children are also expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes every day. Children will have access to books on Bug Club in the coming weeks.

The Curriculum

In English, we will be covering both fiction and non-fiction text types. We will also be learning about spelling rules, a range of styles of writing and focusing on different examples of grammar. Later on in the term, we will be looking at poetry. In Maths, we have begun to look more deeply at place value ensuring that all children have a secure understanding prior to commencing the four operations. This will enable them to apply these skills with greater accuracy and understanding to a range of different contexts. This will also help them when we move on to trickier concepts later in the school year. Please continue to also practise times tables with your children, especially the corresponding division facts. In PE, we will be developing a range of skills across different strands of the curriculum. This term, we will be focusing on developing the skills of fitness, teamwork and endurance through a variety of activities.



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Topic

Our new Topic this term is looking at the question: **How did Egypt impact the ancient world?** Alongside this topic, we will also be learning about Judaism through weekly RE lessons. In addition, children in Year 6 will have weekly Computing and Spanish lessons taught by specialist teachers on a rotation. Additionally, every Tuesday, children will be taught Music by a specialist teacher. Skills will then be reinforced and built upon in class by their class teachers.

Mind Up and Jigsaw

We will continue with the Mind Up and Jigsaw learning that began last year, including regular Brain Breaks throughout the school day. Please encouraged your children to discuss their Mind Up and Jigsaw lessons at home.

Growth Mindset

Heathland is an accredited Thinking Skills School and for the children this means using a variety of thinking skills in their everyday lessons. Ask your child about: thinking hats, thinking maps and the habits of mind that they use in school. This year we will be talking about having a growth mindset which encourages children to talk about themselves as learners and how they react positively to the challenges that they face in their learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and productive time in Year 6.

Yours faithfully,

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