



## It's a new year!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the summer holiday! We hope you all had enjoyable summers and your children are feeling excited about the year ahead. We are delighted with how well Year 6 have settled into school during the first week back. They are clearly loving being back in each other's company and they all seem very motivated to work hard and succeed – well done, Year 6! It is such a privilege to teach this lovely class again and we are looking forward to the year ahead!

Below is a timetable of who will be teaching Year 6 and when:

**Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday**

**Morning**    Mrs Muranka    Mrs Muranka    Mrs Muranka    Mrs Muranka    Mr Nino  
**Afternoon**    Mrs Muranka    Mrs Muranka    Mrs Muranka    Mr Nino    Mr Nino

If you need to speak to staff for any reason, we will be in the playground at the start and end of every school day. Alternatively, contact us via Class Dojo or leave a message with the school office and we will endeavour to call back at the end of the school day.

Here's to another happy and exciting year!

Mrs Muranka & Mr Nino

### Important Dates for your diary:

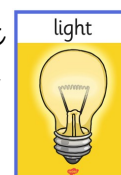
**Meet the Teacher—Monday 8th September 2:45-3:15**

**PGL Residential meeting - Monday 8th September (4:30pm –5:30pm)**

**PGL Residential - Wednesday 17th September —Friday 19th September**

### Science

Our new topic is Light where we will build on knowledge taught in Year 3. We will look at how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction. The children will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. They will make a functioning periscope and find out about mirrors and reflection.



### Starbooks!

We will be continuing with our reading scheme this year and children should keep reading as much as possible at home! Children should mark off how many times they have read in their homework diaries and will earn a reward for reading 25,50,75 and 100 times.

### English

In English, the children will be focusing on books relating to our World War 2 topic: Goodnight Mister Tom and Rose Blanche. The children will have the opportunity to write their own war poetry, diary entries, letters, biographies and balanced arguments. New grammar skills will be embedded throughout our lessons and the children will receive spellings to practice at home on a weekly basis.



### Maths

This term, we will be working on several aspects of place value and working on the children's number skills; in particular, focusing on all four number operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will continue to have both mental maths and arithmetic tests weekly: we work specifically on mental maths and arithmetic every morning.





## World War 2

So far in KS2, the children have learned about: changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age; the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain; Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots; and the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

This topic will continue to develop the children's chronological knowledge and understanding of British and world history; it will extend their chronological knowledge beyond 1066 and it will help them establish clear narratives within and across the historical periods that they have studied so far in KS2. This topic will also provide the children with an opportunity to study a significant turning point in British history (the Battle of Britain).

## PE

PE will be on a **Wednesday and Friday** This term, your child **should come in suitable PE kit every Wednesday and Friday.**

## Homework Class Dojo & Planners

Homework will be given out in class every Friday afternoon. A copy of the homework will also be shared on Class Dojo, Homework is due in the following Friday where it will be marked as a class. Children should make sure their homework books are brought back into school to mark on Fridays. They can upload a copy onto class dojo if they would like however a hard copy must be brought into school on Fridays.

Spelling lists for this term are given out for Planet and Rocket groups at the beginning of every half term. There will be a spelling test every Thursday afternoon.

Each Friday, the children will receive a Maths and Reading task. On top of this, the children should try to practice their times tables on TT Rockstars and also try to read every night at home (5 pages or more). We always encourage the children to read independently and if your child does this at home, please encourage them to sign in their homework diary so I can keep track in school.

The children will receive a new homework diary that they will use to keep track of the homework and the reading they do. This is to prepare the children for Year 7 and to encourage them to take charge of their learning. Each day I will tick the children's diaries and sign at the end of the week once they have completed all homework. I encourage parents to also sign their child's homework diary at the end of each week. Children should keep track of how many times

Year 6 Weekly Homework Breakdown 2 hours and 30 minutes per week			
Spellings	Times Tables	Reading & Writing	Maths
10 weekly spellings to practise ready for a test every Thursday	30 sessions of TT rock stars to complete weekly	Reading comprehension task to complete weekly	Re-capping learning from class/ SATS style questions
		Independent reading for 10 minutes, 3 times a week	
		Writing and SPAG activity	
Creative Homework Topic Grid with one activity to be completed termly.			

## PGL

Our residential at Deane Valley is taking place from Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th September. There is a meeting for all Year 6 parents and carers in Year 6 on Monday 8th September at 4:30 pm. I will go through all of the necessary information you need to know in this meeting and answer any questions or queries you have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me after-school or via Class Dojo.



