



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your child has returned refreshed and ready for the busy, but exciting year ahead.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 6. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Year 6 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class Teacher – Miss Zoe Shaw  
Teaching Assistant – Mrs Gilhooly (Mon-Thurs)  
- Mrs Worsley (Friday)

### Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. However, if you have any problems or concerns, please book an appointment for our **Tuesday** parent surgery. Alternatively, a comment can be added into the Home School Link Book which is checked weekly. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns as soon as possible.

### Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
English	Narrative Reports Biography/Auto-biography Media and Plays Journalistic Instructions
Mathematics (These topics are listed in the order that they will be covered across the Autumn term)	Place value Problem solving (4 operations) Simplifying, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions. Fraction and decimal equivalents Fractions, decimals and percentages Calculating percentages Formal written method of multiplication and division Area Property of shape
Science	Light and Shadow; the eye Electricity: investigating circuits Classification, including micro-organisms
ICT	We are app planners We are project managers

Art	Victorian Topic Work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silhouettes</li> <li>• Victorian portraits</li> <li>• Miniatures</li> </ul>
History	Victorians
RE	Christian and Buddhist beliefs and practices
PE	Games - Rugby Dance- Haka
Music	Victorians Christmas Carols
PSHE	Health and well being
French	Our school Out and about

### Home School Link Book

Every child has a Home School Link Book in which they record their homework and reading each week. Please check and sign your child's book each week. These books are handed in every Monday and checked.

### Learning Logs & Homework

#### Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at least three times a week and more if possible. This is to be recorded in their Home School Link Book by the child. Our focus in Year 6 is on reading comprehension skills. Skimming, scanning and inference skills will be taught in school and children should be encouraged to apply these when reading at home.

#### Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a test on a **Thursday**. Some of the words may be unknown to the children so please encourage them to learn the definition and even put the word into a sentence to extend their vocabulary.

#### Mathematics

On a Wednesday children will be given a mental maths test (in a similar format to the mental maths SATS test) which needs to be completed for Friday. The children will mark their own work in school and then we will check and record the results.

Please ask your child to make jottings in the box or on another page of their maths homework book, but also please sign at the bottom of the work with any comments you would like to make about your child's progress in these tests.

The tests work best when the questions are read aloud to the children and then they make jottings and record the answer. The aim is to improve your time when sitting the test but also accuracy! This must be completed in pencil please.

#### Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Each week there will be an English or Maths task and an activity linked to our topic work. Learning Logs will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. It should take children approximately 45 minutes in total to complete both tasks.

#### PE

During the Autumn term, Year 6 will be taking part in P.E. lessons on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please encourage your children to have their kit in school on both days. If the children do not have their P.E. kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder letter.

### Timetable

Your child has been given a timetable in their Home School Link Book. We hope that this will encourage the children to organise their school bag at home and keep track of the equipment they will require on a daily basis.

### Library

On Thursdays each class has access to the Library to choose a book they wish to take home. This is a great opportunity for children to access a range of texts of their choosing. Please make sure they bring back any borrowed books they wish to change on a Thursday.

### Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. This term I am hoping to organise an experience a Victorian classroom in 1897 during a full day workshop delivered by History off the Page.

As always, we are only able to run workshops and trips with the support of your voluntary contributions so we will inform you of any costs associated with these visits as soon as they are confirmed.

If you have any further queries or worries please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment.

I look forward to another year of working with your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Zoe Shaw  
Year 6 Class Teacher