

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2018

PE kit

Please make sure that PE kit is in school every day. This term we will be taking part in Tennis on a **Thursday** and circuit training or Games on a **Monday**.

Homework

Homework in Year 6 is part of the preparation for Secondary School and so as well as the topic based choices that are rewarded with dojo points I will also sometimes send Maths or English activities. I will do my best to always let you know about these through Class dojo.

It is still important for students to **read regularly** at home and to work on their **spellings** and any **times tables** that they are still not secure on.

Class Dojo

Please make sure that you are signed up to class dojo as it is a quick way for me to share reminders and information that Year 6 sometimes forget to bring home with them!

Welcome to Year 6

I am really looking forward to supporting the students with their learning this year. I have already explained to them that this year is about making sure that they have a fantastic last year at Primary School and that they are confident and ready to start at their Secondary School this time next year.

During this first term we will be looking at life for children during the Second World War, continuing the work on George Stevenson and George Kenning that the pupils started last year. Mrs Parr will be working with the class on Science every other Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Lowe will be with them on a Tuesday afternoon.

Maths no problem

Along with lots of other schools we are looking at the way that we teach maths and we are using an investigative approach. This involves the children in lots of discussion and being given the opportunity to reason and solve problems. I will make sure that there is a chance for you to come in and see some of this work during the year.





A bit about me

I have taught in Derbyshire for the last 27 years (including a few as a headteacher) and I love being in the classroom.

I have a 9 year old daughter and my 18 year old son has just started at University. When dealing with your children I try to think about what I would expect for my own family.

Out of school I enjoy following Grimsby Town Football club and running anything from 5k to half-marathons (when I'm not doing taxi duty for my children!)

If there is anything you want to know about your child's education please don't feel you have to wait until parents' evening. Message me through class dojo or catch me on the playground before or after school.



Growth Mindset

As a class we have completed some work on the difference between a fixed and a growth mindset.

Someone with a fixed mindset believes that you are either born clever or not whereas someone with a growth mindset believes that with hard-work and effort you can achieve more.

The key messages were:

- The brain is like a muscle - the more you use it the stronger it gets.
- Mistakes are fine - as long as you learn from them.
- I can't do it . . .yet!

