



## Hatfield Heath Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome you to Year 6. The children have settled in brilliantly and we are excited to be teaching them and working alongside you to support them in what promises to be a memorable and fun final year at Hatfield Heath Primary School.

This term our English theme is 'The Magical World of Harry Potter'. We do encourage the children to immerse themselves in the books and films even if they have watched or read them before. This will greatly support them in developing creative ideas for their Writing, Geography and Art work.

Your support with the children's reading is just as important in Year 6 as it has been in the past. It is wonderful to see that so much reading has already been taking place. In the Year 6 SATs test the children will be assessed on their ability to answer questions about the texts that they are reading. Developing their understanding of increasingly complex texts will be a strong focus this year. Just regularly spending 10-15 minutes sitting quietly with your child, hearing them read a few pages and questioning them about the characters, the plot and the language involved will greatly support their development. We expect the children to read 5 times a week- at least 3 times with an adult- and to record this in their reading diaries.

In Writing we will focus around the fantasy genre this term with a particular focus on J.K Rowling's world of Harry Potter. A great emphasis will be placed on learning techniques to develop and produce imaginative and lively writing that engages the reader. There will also be a focus on developing longer, more complex sentences, starting sentences with different types of words and learning how to use more complex punctuation. It is one of the national end of year requirements that children can fluently and consistently join up their handwriting. Please encourage your children to do this when carrying out written home learning.

Our initial focus on Maths will be on number and place value. The children will learn how to read, write and order increasingly larger numbers up to ten million and decimals. Children will continue to develop strategies for adding subtracting, dividing and multiplying larger numbers and decimal numbers.

This will include column methods, long division and long multiplication and the application of these methods to solve problems.

Sadly, younger children are at increasing risk from dangerous individuals on apps, games and social media sites. We will be working alongside you this year to support you and the children in understanding and avoiding dangers and becoming safe and responsible internet users. The children will receive regular 'personal, social, citizenship and health' education (PSCHE) lessons. Areas of learning this term will focus around rights and responsibilities including learning about the role of government and local councils.

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays this term, but having a PE kit in school all times will be beneficial. For the first half of this term, the children will be developing their football skills. While for the second half of the term the children will have the opportunity to work with our tag rugby coach, Mr Peasey. The children will continue to develop and refine their posture, balance and movements on and off the apparatus in gymnastics.

In Science, the children will be learning how to group and classify living things and to identify how they are adapted to suit their environment in different ways, as well as exploring Evolution and inheritance. It is an excellent opportunity for the children to do some wider reading on the amazing animals and plants that exist in our world.

We are very fortunate and excited to be having a music specialist in Y6, who will teach the children how to play the Ukelele! They will learn how to play simple chords on their instruments and to sing and perform music as a class.

In French the children will become more confident at holding conversations about themselves including being able to say their age and birthday. They will learn the numbers to 30 and even how to do simple maths in French!

I appreciate that this has come round incredibly quickly, but as the process for applying for secondary schools begins so does our gradual preparation for your children's journey onto Year 7. In Year 6 there will be firm expectations that home learning is handed in on time, and that the children apply the same effort and quality as would be expected in their class work. Home learning will usually be set on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. However, Reading Diaries MUST be brought into school each day.

We look forward to having a fantastic year with your children and if you do have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come in and see us.

Yours sincerely,

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