

Curriculum Overview Year 6 Autumn Term 1st Half 2019

<u>English</u>		<u>Maths</u>	
<u>PSHE</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>RE</u>	
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Ipplepen Primary School-Welcome Year 6

September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Summer holiday and we would like to welcome you to the Autumn term in Year 6!

Class 6 (Sycamore Class) should all be congratulated on the fantastic start that they have made to Year 6, we have undertaken some lovely art projects to ease ourselves back into work mode as well as provide important opportunities for staff and pupils to talk to each other and iron out any worries or concerns that the children may have had in relation to the Year ahead.

A copy of our planning for the Year, will shortly feature on our school website and a brief overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Six during the first part of this Autumn term, will be sent home later this week.

Over the next few weeks we will also be adding to our class blog so as you may keep up to date with the activities that we are involved in. We hope you enjoy this ongoing record of our learning and exciting projects.

As you know, Mrs Hancox will teach the class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Oliver will teach the class on Thursday and Fridays. We have very carefully created our timetable to ensure that your child will receive the very highest quality of teaching this year as well as to ensure continuity across subjects. For example, you will notice that your child will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays this year to allow for accurate assessments within the differing elements of PE, to be made by the same teacher. Please note that your child will also have a Separate Class work book for the subject areas taught by each of us.

We are also very lucky to be joined by Mrs Petty (Full Time in Class) and Mrs Kerr (Mornings Only) as our Learning Support Assistants this year.

Please note that Mrs Hancox will resume her Management role within the school this year and the class will therefore be taught by Mrs Kerr on a Wednesday afternoon.

Year 6 is a very important year for the children and we would like to take this opportunity to reinforce a few of the expectations that we have in Year Six.

- ❖ Please ensure that the children arrive to school promptly. They must be in school by 8.50am ready to begin work. As you will note from our timetable, we undertake our structured Spelling Programmes at the start of the school day. During this time, some children will receive additional spelling support and it is essential that they are on time for this in order to receive the teaching input at the beginning.
- ❖ Please encourage your child to read as often as possible. They are to record their reading in their individual Reading Log which will be closely monitored. These need to be in school on a daily basis and will be collected in on a Wednesday for checking. Children will be asked to give up some of their lunch times if there is no evidence of reading taking place outside of school. We would expect to see at least three entries per week in this Log. We expect the children to read from a variety of genres so as to broaden their knowledge. This could even be in the form of a newspaper, magazine or comic occasionally. Books from both home and school can be recorded within this journal. We have attached a list of suggested reading books for Year 6 children should you wish to have some more ideas.
- ❖ In line with the other USF schools, full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. Children can change into PE shoes/trainers for playtimes only. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery (not including a wrist watch) is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. All children with long hair *must tie it back* and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather is becoming more Autumnal please ensure your child has a raincoat in school.
- ❖ PE lessons are on: Thursday and Friday (In addition, swimming for the next **Four weeks**)

Named PE kit in a bag is required on these days. Please ensure that children wear the school PE kit and have trainers in school.

On Thursday the children may wear a tracksuit in the winter months outside.

On Fridays the children will be doing dance or Gym and must only wear shorts and T-Shirt please.

- ❖ Homework is given out every Thursday and will be collected in on Tuesday. Children will have a Maths and an English homework task each week. Homework is to be completed in the appropriate homework book for each

subject, clear instructions will be issued for both subjects each week. Do let us know if there are any problems regarding the homework, preferably well before the day the homework is due in. There will also be occasions whereby the children are given a longer project style homework and clear dates will be provided when this is the case. We will begin the year with a project style homework which we will set next week.

- ❖ Spellings are a very important part of the Year 6 Curriculum. As we will be following a very structured spelling programme and providing precision teaching for those who may find spelling a challenge, we will not be testing children on a weekly basis on sets of words sent home. We instead, attach the lists of words from years 3-6 which the children are required to know by the end of year 6. While we will cover these words and spelling patterns across the year, you are also most welcome to test your children on a small selection of these words each week. Additional consolidation at home will always be of benefit.
- ❖ Offsite Learning: In order to enrich key areas of the curriculum, there will be occasions whereby we will be taking your child in and around the local village in order to carry out a series of interesting activities. For example, this may involve visiting the church, walking to part of the village or walking to Orley Common. In order to avoid the duplication of consent forms, may we please request that you complete the consent form at the bottom of this letter detailing your permission for us to do this. We will always give notice about when we will go on such outings and the equipment required. This also includes taking the children out into the community to support members of the older generation at The Community Lunch Club and The Memory Café.
- ❖ If your child is scootering or cycling to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet.

Over the next few weeks, the children will undertake some baseline SAT's assessments. These will begin next week. This is important in helping us to build a picture of which children would benefit from extra support or challenge sessions so as to fully prepare them for the end of unit SAT's tests and the transition into Secondary School.

On the subject of SAT's, please note that all children in Year 6 will sit their SAT's (Statutory Assessment Tests) in the week commencing Monday 11th May 2020, and we ask that you do not take any holiday or book appointments during this week.

For your information, should you wish to use them, we have attached spelling lists, reading lists, and some ideas for questions that you could ask your child when they read to you, these are based on the questions that we ask about reading in Class 6.

Finally, may we just flag up the importance of Internet/Computer safety as the children will be using ICT a great deal in their research this year. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> or <http://ceop.police.uk/>

Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year in Class 6.

Please do come and speak to us if you have any queries about the content of this letter.

Kind Regards,

Mrs E Hancox and Mrs B Oliver (Year 6 Class teachers)

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Child's Name:..... Class 6

- I do/do not give my consent for my child to leave the school site and explore parts of our local village (including a walk to Orley Common) in order to support key areas of the Year 6 Curriculum/ To support at the Community Lunch/Memory Café.
- My child has the following allergies/medical needs.....
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Signed:

September 2019