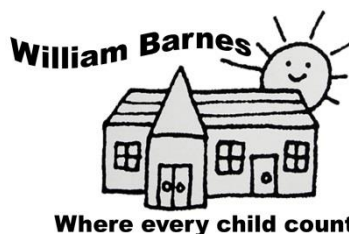


# Year Six 2023-2024 at ...



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. It was lovely to see everyone return on Monday after such a hot Summer! This newsletter is to outline information about **timetables, curriculum, new routines and requirements** for the Autumn Term 2023 in Year 6.

## Curriculum

<u>English</u> Different narrative Genres, Chiller Story Imagery in Poetry, Argument and Biography	<u>Mathematics</u> The Autumn Term Curriculum with a continued focus on problem solving, number complements and multiplication facts.	<u>Science</u> <u>Light</u> Shadows The Eye Reflection Refraction <u>Evolution and Inheritance</u>	<u>Geography</u> <u>Our Earth</u> Location knowledge Human and Physical Geography skills Fieldwork Skills Key Focus – The Global Goals	<u>Art</u> Skills involved in ‘using space’ Landscape and Watercolour skills Drawing People Composition and Space	<u>Modern Foreign Languages (French)</u> Mrs Wrixon French Sentence Structure and Vocabulary
<u>ICT (Mr Hull)</u> Autumn 1: Text & Multimedia Powerpoint Microsoft Word BBC Dance Mat Typing 2Type Autumn 2: Programming & Control Code-it Kodu Codecademy Scratch	<u>RE (Mrs Wrixon)</u> What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help understand who Jesus was and why he was born?	<u>P.E</u> Hockey Tennis PGL Dance	<u>PSHCE</u> Being Me in My World  Celebrating Differences	<u>Music (Mrs Wrixon)</u> Autumn 1: World Unite, Exploring Rhythm and Melody Autumn 2: Composition and Music Appreciation	<u>DT</u> Stitching Focus Christmas Drawstring Bags Cooking and Nutrition Black Bean Soup/SALSA (linked to geography focus on Global Goals) Textiles (stitching)
There will be an ongoing theme of RESPECT and DIVERSITY running through our curriculum and our discussions across the whole year.					

## PE Kit and School Uniform.

For the first half term, children will have 1 outdoor session and one indoor session. The outdoor will be on Monday - Hockey with the coach and the second will be Dance on Fridays. For PE, we are continuing the practice of coming to school in PE Kit. Please make sure that this sticks to school uniform rules; blue or black shorts and white t shirt or polo shirt with trainers. When the weather become colder, children may add their school sweatshirt or plain jogging tops and bottoms (no fashion items).

PE days for the first half term will be:

**Much is made of the responsibility and example setting required in being a year 6 student and this extends to the correct school uniform so please ensure that correct uniform is worn on a daily basis. Many thanks for this.**

## Classroom Support

This year, our class are very lucky to have the support of Mrs Chant and Mrs Toone, who they all know very well! She will be supporting the class and groups as well as running a variety of intervention programmes. When they swap for mathematics with Mr Hull, they will supported by Miss Bates.

## HTSW

We will be continuing our HomeTalkSchoolWrite project this year; please talk with your child during these weeks so that they are prepared for the Friday’s writing activity. We send home a copy of their work which is not marked. We mark the original piece of work at a later date.

## SATS

At the end of this year, SATs will take place. Children will take SATs in Mathematics, Spelling, Grammar and Reading. Nearer the time, there will be meetings for you to have a look at some of the tests, talk about them and ask any questions. We encourage the children, in the meantime, not to worry about them as they will be well prepared by the time they arrive.

## **Reading Journal/ Homework/Reading**

As part of homework, students will be expected to read at home at 5 times a week. All students will choose books from their place in the scheme or from our selection of free readers in the classroom. **If your child does not have a reading book bag, please buy them one as this ensures the safety of books/journal in transit.** There will also be mathematics homework from Mr. Hull and other homework from me.

As mentioned above, every year, an amazing variety of books are seen in our classroom as a result of year 6's buying their own reading material. If children choose to read their own book, please can you make sure it comes to school every day for their independent reading as I would prefer them not to be reading their two books at the same time. We would very much appreciate any donations of books they will not read again to add to the choices we have in school – children are allowed to add a dedication in the front of the book so that everyone knows who donated it!

## **Lateness, Homework/Reading Book/Journal forgotten**

Children can come on to the playground from 8.30 and should definitely be here by 8.45. We will be monitoring pupils who forget any of the above. I will be using the text service to inform you if this has happened and particularly if it is happening on a regular basis. It is very disruptive to the school day and embarrassing for the child to arrive in an already focussed classroom or without required resources for the day.

## **Trips**

PGL is next week and the usual London Gallery Trip will run in the Summer Term. All children are expected to attend all trips so please let me know early if there are issues.

## **PPA Time**

As you know, all teachers have non-contact time each week for planning, preparation and assessments. Mrs Wrixon will be teaching Year 6 students on a Thursday morning and will cover Religious Education, Music and French. Mr Hull will teach them Mathematics every day and ICT on a Monday afternoon.

## **Meet the Teacher**

You are warmly invited to come to a brief 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm. I will run through key aspects laid out in this letter, answer any questions and it will give you a chance to see our classroom!

## **Responsibilities**

The children will be looking forward to their jobs or responsibilities that come with being in Year 6. I will be making it clear to them that being the oldest children in the school brings an enormous responsibility of being role models all the other children and that behaviour must be of the highest order.

**A big thankyou in advance for all that you are complying with all the above.**

**Please remember that if there is anything you wish to discuss about your child's education, you are very welcome to email - [Year6@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:Year6@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk) or ring the school. Here's to a good term and a good year!**

Yours sincerely,

**Russell Field 😊 Mrs Chant Mrs Toone**