

# Back To School

## CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Please contact Mr Mossop on the email address below if you have any questions regarding your child's Year 6 journey or on our Class Dojo page (within contact hours - 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday)

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Thank you for your continued support!

### Welcome to Year 6!

#### Our Curriculum

This half term, our learning will be based around the key question 'Why is America so special?' In literacy, we will be exploring the book 'Hidden figures' (a story based around real life African American female scientists working at Nasa in the 1960s) which will help us to create a lot of different types of writing like articles, letters, reports and character descriptions. We will be provided with opportunities to create our own bridges based on those we have seen across the American continent design skills. Our Science also links by studying space where we will be working together to create our own solar system models before we will delve further into the solar system learning about the planets and moons.

#### Empowering Learning

This half term, we're learning to be 'self-managers'. We're aiming to develop our resilience so that we keep trying even if we find things difficult. We are also working on managing our emotions so we are more prepared and able to learn, which, in turn, will help us to understand how we learn best, regulating ourselves with greater independence!

#### Preparing for Year 6

This year will possibly be the most emotional for both the children and families as they prepare to start their secondary journey. To ensure that the children are best prepared, we will be still driving reading in year six but we will also be using homework so that the children can consolidate their learning and be prepared for when they get it in secondary. To start with our homework will be generic exposure to SATs questions but as the year progresses we will be linked to learning in class and SATs work books will be ordered earlier to practise from. This will be set on Fridays for Thursdays. We will then go through our answers on Friday to develop our exam technique.

### Reminders

**PE days** - Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear and jewellery removed or covered. Please see the whole-school DOJO for further information on our uniform (including PE kits) policy.

**Snack** - Snack for the half term is £7. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full. Please send money in clearly labelled envelopes.

**Lining up** - Please ensure children are lined up on the yard (next to the bike shed) for 8:45am each morning. Please encourage their independence with this and refrain from standing with them or crowding around the entrance door upon arrival.

**Inhalers** - if your child has asthma, please ensure your child has an in-date inhaler and up-to-date asthma plan (signed by the GP) in school.

**Dinners** - please remember to pre-order children's school dinners on School Hub. For support with this, contact the school office.

### Who is who in Year 1 & 2?

Mr Mossop is our class teacher and Mrs Lister is our Senior Teaching Assistant. This half term, Mrs Lister will teach our class on Wednesday afternoons (PSHE, RE and Reading). Reece (PE Coach) will teach our PE on Wednesday mornings.

### Keep up to date!

Please regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning / education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on this. Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on our Earwig page and our school website. Don't forget to check them out!