

Leopards Autumn Term Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6! I hope you all have had a great summer, feel well rested and are excited for the year ahead – just like me! It doesn't seem two minutes since the children were starting in reception and here they are embarking on their final year at primary School. I am looking forward to working together with you so that we can create an exciting and productive final year at Sissinghurst for your child. I hope that you and your child enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 6 has to offer.

In Year 6, in preparation for secondary school, the children will have some learning to do at home. The aim is to review their basic skills weekly in the form of TTRockstars, Spelling Shed, Arithmetic and daily reading.

Reading in Year 6

By Year 6, we aim to foster independence in reading and a love of books. Encouraging your child to read for pleasure is one of the best ways to boost their performance in English. Comics, magazines, and illustrated books can be helpful, especially for reluctant readers. A rich vocabulary, developed through conversation and reading, greatly supports learning.

Science - Living things: Classifying big and small

Children will broaden their knowledge of how vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and micro-organisms are grouped using shared characteristics. They will learn how Carl Linnaeus developed the Linnaean and binomial systems for classifying and naming living things.

History: What was life like in Tudor England?

Children will learn about the changing nature of monarchy. They will examine how monarchs tried to control their public images using portraits and royal progresses. Using Tudor inventories, they will investigate whether people were rich or poor, learn what life was like for people in Tudor times and compare Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

RE: Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

Children will make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator; show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together.

ART: Photo opportunity

Developing photography skills and techniques to design a range of creative photographic outcomes.

PSHE: Family and Relationships

Learning: to resolve conflict, through negotiation and compromise; about respect, understanding that everyone deserves to be respected and about grief

Independence

Developing independence is an important part of being in Year Six. We are very aware that part of our role in school is to prepare our children for their move to secondary school and much of the year six curriculum fosters responsibility and independence. From the moment the children enter year six they are responsible for their own learning, expectations are high and they are encouraged to work independently. We ask that parents support this by helping to develop children's independence and encouraging them to be responsible. There are times when research homework may be set to support the learning in the class.

General Reminders

PE will be every Monday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. **ALL JEWELLERY MUST BE REMOVED.** Please make sure your child has their water bottle (named) in school every day to keep them hydrated.

Miss Lea will be the class teacher whole day every Thursdays and Friday afternoon, to allow me to do my Deputy Headteacher role. Mrs D'Ali will be our class TA and Mrs Walker PPA teacher. Year six team look forward to making your last year of Primary an amazing one, filled with precious memories and lots of fun. I look forward to meeting you all on Tuesday, 9 September at 3.20pm.

Please feel free to come and speak to me or any member of our year 6 team if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Desai and The Year 6 Team

