

Leopards Autumn Term Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed for the exciting year ahead. It is hard to believe the children are beginning their final year at primary school. This is an important year, full of new challenges, responsibilities and opportunities as we prepare them for secondary school. I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a happy, successful and memorable final year at Sissinghurst.

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 TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Arithmetic and daily reading.

Reading

Reading is one of the most important ways to support your child's learning. We encourage children to read widely and regularly, including novels, non-fiction, magazines and comics. Talking about books and new vocabulary at home will further develop comprehension and language skills.

Our Autumn Curriculum

English – Developing reading, writing and spoken language through high-quality texts.

Mathematics – Building fluency, reasoning and problem-solving across all areas of maths.

Science – *Living Things: Classifying Big and Small* and *Light and Reflection*, exploring classification, Carl Linnaeus, light, reflection, shadows and scientific enquiry.

History – *What Was Life Like in Tudor England?* Investigating Tudor monarchs, everyday life and historical evidence.

Geography – *Why Does Population Change?* Exploring population distribution, migration and why people live where they do.

Religious Education – *Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?* and *Gospel – What Would Jesus Do?*, exploring Christian beliefs, science and the teachings of Jesus.

Art – *Photo Opportunity*, developing photography skills through creative composition and editing.

Design & Technology – *Textiles: Waistcoats*, designing and making a functional textile product using sewing techniques.

Independence

Year 6 places a strong emphasis on developing independence in preparation for secondary school. Children will be encouraged to take responsibility for their organisation, learning and homework, work with increasing resilience and independence, and develop leadership skills through a range of roles across the school. Occasionally, research tasks may be set to support classroom learning.

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.

Mrs Ivinson will be the class teacher on Wednesday and Thursdays to allow me to do my Headteacher role. Mrs Ivinson will also be the 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.

Kind regards

Mrs Desai and The Year 6 Team

