

Quartz Class

AUTUMN Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome to year 6!

I hope you've all managed to enjoy some holiday in recent weeks, and are ready for the challenges ahead, some familiar ones, and some new. It has been a challenging year so far, but it will be good to welcome the children back, and help them to settle back into school life.

This year we will be getting to grips with the year 6 curriculum and getting prepared for our assessments in the summer months, which as far as I know, will still be happening. This means that we've got lots of work to do, both in terms of addressing any gaps in knowledge due to the lockdown, and in progressing to the levels expected. I do have high expectations of the children in year 6; they will have to work hard, complete tasks on time and always try to work to their best abilities. I would appreciate all your support in this, as I encourage the children to produce the work that they are capable of.

Alongside a lot of maths and literacy, this term we will be looking at some significant turning points in British history, including elements of WW2 and the coronation of Queen Victoria. We will link this to DT work with a world war two theme – the children will be making Anderson shelters and will be asked to bring in some of their own modelling supplies. We will be covering some geography and thinking about countries and capitals around the world.

In Science, we are studying 'Humans/Animals, including the circulatory system and how nutrients are transported around the body'.

General information

- **Water**

Please make sure that your child has a full water bottle for inside the classroom every day, to prevent sharing of the water fountains. I would prefer if this is a little transparent, so that we can see it's water (there's always one sneaky child trying to sneak in juice, and it makes an awful sticky mess if spilt!).

- **PE**

PE is on Tuesday/Thursday initially.

Please ensure your child has correct PE kit, which should be washed once worn, or at least once a week:

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| - Trainers (outdoors) | - PE socks |
| - Plimsolls (indoors) | - Hair bobble (for those with lovely long locks!) |
| - Blue shorts | - Tracksuit bottoms and top (for colder weather) |
| - Blue/white t-shirt | |

- **Homework**

At the beginning of term, the children will not be receiving homework due to current restrictions; however, it is likely that some form of homework will be given in the near future. I do appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete any tasks set. Please look out for further information about homework in the following weeks.

- **11+ exams.**

The verbal reasoning will be on Friday 18th Sept.

The non-verbal reasoning will be on Friday 25th Sept.

- **Pencil cases**

Children do not need pencil cases, as they are supplied everything they need. However, your child is allowed to bring one in if they would like to. I would be really grateful if we can make sure that these are **small** - bulky ones may be sent home!

- **Bags**

Last year I was driven crazy with the amount of bags and 'stuff' that year 6 children were bringing in and trying to fit into lockers, and having to deal with the inevitable 'overflow' into the corridor!

Your child's school belongings should fit easily into a locker. They should not be bringing in any unnecessary items from home, especially in current times.

Please ensure that they only bring in what they need: PE kit (every day), lunch if needed, water bottle, pencil case and coat.

- **Golden Pass**

The class' 'Golden Pass' reward this term will be: AZTEC GAME

All children who have not lost more than 5 minutes in any given week this half term (and therefore kept all their Golden Passes) will be able to take part in the reward.

- **Class Book**

Each term I like to share a book with the class. The book I will be reading this term is called 'Letters From The Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.

Sometimes children have enjoyed the class book so much that they have bought their own copy of it to follow along with. This is entirely your choice! But I thought I would give you the details should you/your child like to do the same.

- **Independence**

In year 6, we really do try to encourage the children to be as independent and responsible as they can, in preparation for year 7. This includes being responsible for PE kits, understanding that academic improvement is also their responsibility, not just school's, making good decisions about classroom and playground behaviours and developing a good work ethic. Please help me in encouraging this with the children. We will support the children in every area of their development as much as we can, but I really feel that some choices the children need to start making themselves- and I am sure you agree!

If you need to speak to me about anything, please always feel free to make an appointment to see me.

I look forward to meeting you at parents' evening!

Miss Reid