

Year 6 News - September 2020

Welcome to Year 6

Hello and welcome to the wonderful world of Year 6. For those who don't know me, I am Miss North and I will be your child's class teacher this year. I am also the Deputy Headteacher of the school and one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. With overall responsibility for Key Stage 2, I have known the children for quite a while and they all know me so it shouldn't be too daunting for them to have a new teacher. Our Year 6 teaching assistant is Mrs Pier. She has worked part-time with this class for the past 3 years and therefore provides some continuity for them.

Together, we are looking forward to guiding your children through their final year at Worsthorne Primary and preparing them for their eventual transition to high school.

Homework and Home Learning

This year, more than ever, it is going to be vital for children to keep up with and complete their homework tasks. All homework will be set using our school website, Seesaw, Times Tables Rockstars and MyMaths.

In the event of another school closure, we will continue to use these platforms to provide home learning. We are all hoping that this will not be needed – fingers crossed.

Children can choose a home reading book from our class library. They should keep this book at home until finished and complete their reading record as usual. They will all have a separate reading book in class for daily use.

Contact details

The best way to contact me this term is by email. I will check messages first thing in the morning and again at the end of the day, getting back to you ASAP. If you have a more urgent query or problem, please telephone the school office. Thank you ☺

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Getting back to some sort of normality!

We are all aware that some children haven't been in school since the end of March and so our usual settling in period may take longer this year. We understand that some children (and parents) may be feeling a little apprehensive about the return to school, new 'rules' and routines. Don't worry because Mrs Pier and I will be there to greet the children on Wednesday morning, and to make sure everyone is safe and happy.

Our start time (for Year 6) is between 9.00am and 9.05am. I know that some children will be excited to get back to school but please don't send them early, to help us adhere to our staggered start times. Lunchtime for us will be later than usual so it might be a good idea to send a snack of fruit or vegetables for morning break – I know that I will need one!

In the classroom, each child will be provided with an individual kit containing all the equipment they need for lessons. Therefore, we respectfully request that children do not bring pencil cases, books etc. from home for the time being.

Things they do need to bring:

Training shoes for PE (girls may want to bring shorts to put on under skirts/dresses);

Lunchboxes – school lunches will be available if preferred.

A coat *

*As we will be spending long periods of time in the classroom, we will get outside as often as possible – even if it is raining and we all know how quickly Worsthorne weather can change.

This Term's Curriculum

Our main topic this term is 'The Circus', including its history; famous circuses; animal acts and welfare; clowns and much more.

In English, we will be revising a lot of Key Stage 2 spelling, phonics and grammar. Our class novel is 'The Nowhere Emporium', and we will incorporate key objectives from Year 5 and 6 into our writing.

Guided reading will focus on figurative language, fluency and understanding of vocabulary across a range of texts.

In maths, lots of work on basic skills and times tables every day besides units on place value, addition and subtraction.

Please do not be alarmed if you think your child is covering some simple maths work to start with. We always go back to basics in Year 6 and, this year especially, we must ensure that gaps are filled before moving on to new learning.