

## Welcome to Year 6

Hello – I am Miss North and I will be teaching your child for the next year. I have been a member of the Worsthorne team for many years and also hold the post of Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO. Mrs Allen, who is an experienced Year 6 teacher, will be taking the class for some lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays. Our able teaching assistants, Mrs Pier and Mrs Wallace will be supporting the class and leading lessons in Art, Music and RE.

This letter aims to give you some key information about Year 6 and you can expect regular email updates from me as the year progresses. If you wish to contact me, please email – [j.north@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.north@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to respond the same day. If you need a faster response, please call into or telephone the school office.

## Weekly Timetable

This is our typical timetable for the week although we do make changes sometimes to accommodate special events or staff changes.

	Session 1 am	Session 2 am	Session 3 pm	Session 4 pm
Monday	Spelling	Maths	Music	RE
Tuesday	English	Maths	PE	Art/DT
Wednesday	English	Maths	Swimming/French	Swimming/PE
Thursday	English	Math	Science	Topic
Friday	English	Maths	Computing	PSHE

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday when children should come to school in their PE uniform. Alternate Wednesdays during the autumn term are swimming lessons when children should come to school in normal uniform and bring their swimming kit. \* The swimming letter sent out on Friday only included three dates but we will be going fortnightly until Christmas.

Included in the timetable are assemblies and daily guided reading sessions. More information about the wider curriculum can be found on our class page of the school website.

## Homework

Homework will be set on Seesaw, Times Tables Rockstars or Purple Mash. All children have login details for these platforms.

Spellings will be taught on Monday morning and posted onto Seesaw the same day for practise at home (children will also be given time to learn them in school time). Spelling test is on Friday morning and any words that need to be re-learned will be sent home to look at over the weekend.

A weekly maths task will be set on either Seesaw or Purple Mash. This will consist of key skills and/or consolidation of the week's learning. I would like children to work on Times Tables Rockstars at least 3 times a week for about 10 minutes, when they can 'battle' against their friends and take part in whole class tournaments.

Everyone has a home reading book – either from our class library or their own book. Ideally, they should be reading at home every day but at least 3 times a week for at least 15 minutes. I will set a weekly reading homework task that can be completed using their own book. All children have been given a reading record and asked to record their progress and comments. Please feel free to add your own comments if you wish.

For those children (or parents) who want more homework, I will set an optional ‘project type’ homework task each half term.

We always encourage children in Year 6 to take responsibility for their homework and complete all tasks on time. If they get into good habits now, homework at secondary school will not be as much of a shock! If your child is not completing homework on a regular basis, I will let you know and, hopefully, we can work together to motivate them.

### Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary schools are now open and must be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. Information is available on the Lancashire.gov.uk website:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

Further information can be found on the websites of local secondary schools. If you require any help or advice when it comes to the application, please contact me. I will send out any further information that I receive from local schools in due course.

### School Visits

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken the decision not to book a residential visit this year. Educational day visits will still be taking place and we have ‘end of year’ extended activities planned for the summer term.

### SATs

At the time of writing, we are expecting these statutory assessment tests to take place in May 2022. SATs are something that we take in our stride in Year 6 and work towards them right from day one with very little anxiety for children or parents. An information evening for parents will be arranged nearer the time.

I don't want to bombard you with anything else at the moment but please contact me if you require any more information. I am looking forward to working with you all over the next year – here's to a successful Year 6 for all of us!

*Justine North*