

# Curriculum Newsletter Y6



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. The children are all settling in very well, and the hard work has already begun. The expectations have been upped yet again and the children will be expected to work incredibly hard throughout the year.

Working in Year 6 this year will typically be Mr Hunter, Mr Jones, Mr Wood and Mrs Rodmell. We endeavour to minimise the changes in staffing as we know how important consistency is for all the children. In Year six we are lucky to have Mr Newton delivering Music, on a Thursday afternoon, with DF Coaching and Madame Vardy delivering PE and French respectively on a Tuesday afternoon.

The Year 6 curriculum has undergone a few changes and we are excited about the learning challenges that the children will tackle. A curriculum map is available on the schools website if you would like further information - [yarmprimaryschool.net](http://yarmprimaryschool.net).

In English we will be teaching narrative every morning, linking as much as we can to the topic. On the afternoons the children will be immersed in non-fiction writing again making close links with the current topics. Across school, in Maths, we are focussing on problem solving skills, developing logical thinking and working through things systematically, this will involve real life problems and investigations.

This year we have many smaller topics, we will be starting with a topic around Migration and Immigration - 'Is immigration a good thing?' - exploring real life themes and providing the children with an insight into what it is like in other areas of the world. This will be followed by a Fairground topic with 'Innovation - What's the story behind the ride?' as the enquiry question. After the half term, we will be moving onto the Ancient Greeks - How have the Greeks influenced our lives? In which the children will be producing an A to Z book of this ancient civilisation. In the run up to Christmas, the children will be focussing their attention on their Enterprise, through which we hope to raise money for a local charity and a celebration of the children's hard work at the end of the year. We will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the school hall. We will be sending further information out nearer the time.

As well as these main topics, the children will also be covering other areas of the curriculum in discreet lessons. In PE, both classes will be benefitting from Water Sports at the Tees Barrage. The sessions will take place on a Thursday Afternoon for two weeks.

This term we are planning a visit to Yarm and hopefully after half term we will be arranging a Greek day in school. We will keep you up to date with these plans.

As stated last year, the expectations of the new curriculum have changed meaning that any work done at home will really support your child's learning in school. We will be sending work home weekly covering Maths and English and also a reading book and record. Reading has a huge impact on the children's progress in school, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at least 3 three times a week. Children who do not return their homework and do not read repeatedly, will miss their Golden Time and complete their homework then, a system the children are familiar with. Those that read the required number of times each week will receive a reward at the end of each half term. The children visit the library every Friday, this is their opportunity to change their books.

There are a number of websites that we recommend to support your child's learning at home. These include:

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

[www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com)

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/>

If there is anything that we feel will benefit any of the children in the year group we will pass this information on to you.

We have PE every Tuesday and Friday, however for the first half term children will be taking part in Water Sports at Tees Barrage (further details will follow). Please ensure that your child has an appropriate PE Kit in school every week. We will, weather permitting be outside some of the time, therefore a jumper, tracksuit bottoms and a change of shoes are required.

If there is anything you would like to know more information about then please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your support,  
Year 6 Team

## Year 5 and 6 Spelling List

accommodate	develop	parliament
accompany	dictionary	persuade
according	disastrous	physical
achieve	embarrass	prejudice
aggressive	environment	privilege
amateur	equipment	profession
ancient	especially	programme
apparent	exaggerate	pronunciation
appreciate	excellent	queue
attached	existence	recognise
available	explanation	recommend
average	familiar	relevant
awkward	foreign	restaurant
bargain	forty	rhyme
bruise	frequently	rhythm
category	government	sacrifice
cemetery	guarantee	secretary
committee	harass	shoulder
communicate	hindrance	signature
community	identity	sincere(ly)
competition	immediate(ly)	soldier
conscience*	individual	stomach
conscious*	interfere	sufficient
controversy	interrupt	suggest
convenience	language	symbol
correspond	leisure	system
criticise (critic + ise)	lightning	temperature
curiosity	marvellous	thorough
definite	mischievous	twelfth
desperate	muscle	variety
determined	necessary	vegetable
	neighbour	vehicle
	nuisance	yacht
	occupy	
	occur	
	opportunity	