



Welcome to Year 6

The Year 6 teachers for 2021 - 2022 are Mrs Marisa Restorick, Mr. Craig Barter, Miss Gemma Wills – in 6B- and Mr Steve Carter. Our teaching assistants to support learning are: Mrs Teresa Tutt, Mrs Lisa Porter and Mrs Paula Mutter and offer a wealth of expertise to the year group.

The Year 6 classrooms are situated in the huts/mobile rooms on the Key Stage 2 (Junior) playground. **The school day will begin at 8.45am and the children will be collected by their class teacher and TA from their designated line on the Key Stage 2 playground. Year 6 children will finish at 3.15pm and again will leave the premises via the cage.**

Year 6 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome your children to Year 6 and give you some information to support Year 6 pupils in their learning.

Year 6 is an important year in all children's lives and the time rapidly rushes by. Not only will your child be approaching the forthcoming transition to senior school, but in May 2022 all Year 6 pupils will sit the statutory end of Key Stage 2 tests, more commonly known as the SATs, in English (Reading and Grammar Punctuation and Spelling) and Maths. **SATs Week this year is Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May 2022.**

One main priority of Year 6 is to prepare the pupils for their chosen secondary school and we work with all the local secondary schools: **All Saints, Atlantic Academy, Budmouth, Studio School (at Kingston Maurward) and Wey Valley**, to provide structured transition from St. George's. Shortly the senior schools in the area will be advertising and promoting evenings and open days for Year 6 pupils and their parents to visit and it is recommended you visit the websites and arrange a visit prior to making a choice. Please note **Budmouth** have an entrance exam for children out of their catchment area, details will be on their website and it takes place on **Saturday 9th October 2021**. Please get in touch directly with the schools or see their websites for further information. Applications for senior school are to be carried out online (Dorset for You website) and must be completed by the closing date, usually the **31st October 2021**. (Applications received by this date will be informed of their outcome on the **1st March 2022**). Failure to apply by the deadline could result in you and your child missing out on your first choice of school.

We are going to outline the main areas of study in the curriculum which your child will be learning in the new term, should you wish to support and assist this learning it will be of immense benefit to your child. However, we would remind you that your child will be working at a level appropriate to their maturity and understanding and therefore may not cover all these areas.

ENGLISH/LITERACY

As part of our work in Literacy, learning this term will focus on aspects of:

- * Exploring a range of texts through reading comprehension
- * Developing writing skills and the ability to write for a range of purposes
- * Investigating vocabulary, spelling and word origins
- * Further enhancement and reinforcement of grammatical skills

It is expected that daily home reading will be encouraged as it is essential for the whole curriculum and reading aloud to an adult is endorsed to encourage good pace, accuracy and comprehension skills. It is the pupil's responsibility to return books to school, complete reading quizzes and care for these resources properly. Unfortunately, we do need to charge for loss or damage of books.

MATHS/NUMERACY

We follow the objectives and requirements of the National Curriculum for Year 6. Much of the learning continues to develop skills in all areas of mathematical enquiry:

- * Number using the 4 operations, rounding, ordering and number properties
- * Problem solving based on 'real-life' problems
- * Understanding of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- * Handling, Reading and Recording Data
- * Shape and space

Mental maths, arithmetic tests and times-table tests are carried out weekly and we hope you will continue to help your child practice their tables as they are vital for all mathematical development. Your child is subscribed to TT Rockstars and Mathletics and we fully recommend they use these online platforms to develop and support their mathematical development.

Homework in Year 6:

Homework completion is imperative in Year 6 as it extends the pupils skills and prepares them for the demands of senior school. Homework will be given out by the class teachers and will be requested by a certain day, for example:

English and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday and expected to be completed by the next Wednesday, also approximately 15 spellings will be given on Friday and tested the following Friday – these are available on the Dojo in Portfolios or Class Story so there are no excuses.

Homework will be based on class learning and revision of key skills, and the children can always speak to us before hand in day if they need more guidance or support.

Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis and record this in their Reading Record, also you can make comments on Class Dojo to indicate that your child has read to you and we still advocate that even the most able readers still read several pages aloud to you as this improves comprehension and accuracy.

Homework will include the following:

- o Daily reading with your child
- o Maths
- o English
- o Spellings (Tested on Fridays)
- o Topic projects (half termly)

The individual class teachers will inform you on Dojo of the days they will want homework in and on which days it will be set.

Our topic for the autumn term is our locality and studying the geography and history of **Portland**. We will be using this as a theme in our DT, Art and English lessons too.

All log-in details for all the online platforms that are available to the children will be put into their reading log so that you have these available at home. The reading log is also a useful tool as it contains a grammar glossary, spellings that the children should know before they finish year 6 and which could appear in the SATs test and are useful for homework. Please remember to record all home reading and the students need to bring it in daily as we will need it in class for daily reading.

PE/GAMES

All children are required to take part in Physical Education lessons. In Year 6 this occurs on a Tuesday (6R & 6B) and Wednesday (6C) mornings and on Fridays all 3 classes will have Games.

On a Friday the children will come to school wearing their PE kit with their school sweatshirt or cardigan on top and come home in this. Appropriate kit is needed: **black shorts, trainers/plimsolls and a white T shirt**. In the colder weather of the winter months we strongly recommend that pupils bring tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt, as whenever dry we will attempt to work outside. In the

hopeful event that restrictions are lifted we expect pupils to have a separate shirt for PE as we emphasise the importance and awareness of personal hygiene by changing clothes after sport.

If you ever have a query or worry regarding your child please do not hesitate to telephone the school office to speak to your child's class teacher or directly message the teacher via the Dojo for a more immediate response. In addition, if you feel you have any resources/artefacts or a knowledge of any topic areas which could add to the experiences being provided at St.George's Primary please let us know.

Thank you
The Year 6 Staff

Important Dates throughout the year:

- **September 9th 2021, 5pm-7pm**
- **Budmouth Open Eves Weds 29th and Thurs 30th September 2021**
- **All Saints 7 October 2021 6:30-8:30pm**
- **Studio School Dorchester <https://dorsetstudioschool.co.uk/transition/>**
- **Wey Valley date to be confirmed – please get in touch with the school**
- **Budmouth entrance exam – Saturday 9th October 2021**
- **Secondary school application deadline: 31st October 2021**
- **SATs week 2022:- Monday 8th May – Thursday 9th May**
- **Carey week 2022 – Tuesday 14th June – Friday 17th June**