



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

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6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 6 Michaelmas Term Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Year 6! We are excited to have a new group of Year 6 pupils.

The children have returned full of enthusiasm. They are adapting quickly to the change in teachers, classrooms and the Year 6 routines. They are already working hard and appear to be happy about beginning the final year of Junior School. There is an air of excitement about our trip to France in May 2020, which you are invited to hear more about in the Theatre on Wednesday 11 September at 5.00pm.

We are looking forward to hearing their 'Three Minute Speeches' over the first few weeks of term.

We have lots to cover and high expectations and standards in Year 6 but we enjoy helping the children rise to the challenge; reach to fulfil their potential and experience success before moving across to the Senior School.

Homework diaries are part of this preparation for secondary school and the children are expected to keep them daily. We would appreciate if you would sign them weekly and mention any homework or pastoral concerns there.

Homework is set every day: written homework are expected the next day but learning homework has a full week for practice. The homework schedule is in their planners but as the year progresses, Year 6 pupils should expect the occasional extra homework from Drama, RS and Music.

We encourage the children to find a quiet, suitable place to complete it as carefully as possible. We keep the amount reasonable so if your child is spending more than an hour on a piece of work it is probably time to "pack up" and mention it to us the next day. If your child cannot complete the homework for some valid reason we would appreciate a short note of explanation in their diary. Any other quick written communication can be written in the homework diaries.

Important letters and information will be posted on the school website every Friday so we encourage you to check the web site regularly. Again, stressing 'being organised', we ask our children to keep homework folders and school bags tidy, not cluttered.

Reading remains a very important, vital part of daily homework. We try to help the children to extend their reading diet through varying the genres and authors to discover the joy of reading.

It is not necessary to listen to your child read every day, but check and initial their reading records and chat with them about the stories they are reading as often as possible. You will find a collection of questions in the front of their Reading Records which are an excellent way for you to stay involved with your child's reading progress.

Similarly, regular spelling and multiplication table practice will serve them well.

We anticipate a productive and rewarding year. We will look forward to discussing your child's progress at the first parent teacher meeting, but if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Holland Mr S Marsh Mr M Anderson
Year 6 Form Teachers



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- Mathematics** This term the Mathematics curriculum will include place value, addition and subtraction, fractions position and geometry work.
- Children will be grouped into three ability sets. These may be slightly different to last year due to the arrival of several new children. However, these groups may be subject to change.
- English** In Michaelmas term the English curriculum will be based largely around *Warhorse* by Michael Morpurgo. We will cover a variety of genres from descriptive writing of places and characters to newspaper reports over the term.
- Children will be grouped in ability sets for comprehension work and spelling. Spelling test will be on Tuesdays.
- Science** Year 6 start with classification of animals and plants before studying the human body.
- History** Our History takes the children back in time to the Romans.
- Geography** Geography will be a study of Africa and then Trade and Economics to develop their Global Awareness.
- ELS** In European Language Studies, we will continue to write to our French penpals as well as studying about school subjects and equipment with Mrs Holland. Whilst Miss Gunn will introduce German, Italian and Spanish throughout the year.
- ICT** Children will learn about how to access and use google classrooms, where additional resources and copies of spellings, etc. will be posted by Year 6 team. Then they will develop their publishing skills to support various curriculum subjects and will gain an introduction to coding.
- Sport** In Michaelmas term the boys main sport is Rugby and the girls is Hockey. During PE lessons, the focus is on fitness. On Wednesday mornings, pupils should arrive in their full PE kit ready for Period 1 and 2, but they must also bring their full school uniform including the correct socks and shoes to change into after games. Please remember if uniform is missing; the children will lose a house point. PE takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays is the main day for fixtures in Year 6.
- Art** The children will draw, shade and paint Taxidermy insects.
- RE** Religious Education this term will be a study of Christianity with a focus on War and Peace as Year 6 prepare to lead the annual Remembrance Day Service.

Drama

Children will develop their basic drama skills learned in previous years which will then focus on slow motion, mirror work, mime and group performances.

Music

The Baroque Era is this term's focus, with the development of theory skills of Time Signatures and Melody writing.

PSHCE

Think Positive is the main the focus of PHSE this term.