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WELCOME TO
Year 6

Name

Class

The Year Six staff welcome you and your child. If you have any questions please contact the school office on Luton 572100 to make an appointment to speak to one of the Year Six team.

Class	Teachers	Year 6 Teaching Assistants
Goodall	Mr Gilligan – Achievement Leader	Ms Mushtaq
Curie	Mrs Ramzan and Mrs Dabb	Miss Shah
Newton	Mr Patel	Mrs Dhiman
Einstein	Mr McMulkin and Mrs Newland	Mrs Hemed
Hawking	Miss Reynolds	Mrs Choudhury
PE	Mr Osbourne and Mr Britten	

Themes for the year

We offer children a broad and varied curriculum, taught in discrete subjects so to enhance the depth of their learning. English and Maths skills are consolidated throughout other subjects, as well as being taught daily.

Autumn Term:

Science: Light; Electricity

RE: How is faith expressed in Islam; Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

Geography: Volcanoes

History: World War II

Art: Firework artwork (Jackson Pollock)

DT: Bread

Computing: Online Safety and Project Management; App Planning

PSHCEE: Think Positive; VIPs

French: Classroom Routines; Clothing; Time

Music: Major and Minor; Wartime Music

PE: Sports hall Athletics; Netball

Spring Term:

Science: Evolution, Adaptation and Inheritance; Classification

RE: Why do some people believe in God and some do not; What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?

Geography: Settlements

History: Ancient Egypt

Art: Embroidery (Vincent van Gogh)

DT: Electronic Board Games

Computing: Questionnaires and Market Research; Control and Interface Design

PSCHEE: One World; Respecting Rights

French: Houses; Word classes; Furniture

Music: Ukulele; History of Popular Music

PE: Gymnastics; Outdoor Adventurous Activities

Summer Term:

Science: The Circulatory System; Healthy Bodies

RE: How does faith enable resilience; What will make our community a more respectful place?

Geography: Local area — River Lea

History: Benin

Art: Forgeries (George Seurat)

DT: Structures

Computing: App Development; App Developers and Marketing

PSCHEE: Safety First; Growing Up

French: French-speaking countries; Places in a Town

Music: Djembe Drumming; Music for Film

PE: Athletics – Track and Field; Tennis

During the year, we have additional maths and reading lessons in school time in preparation for the SATs. This is an important year where your child can achieve their potential academically, personally and socially. We rely upon your support in working in partnership to achieve this and maintain high standards of behaviour, discipline and education.

Reading

Your child will be issued with a reading book and reading record — they may also borrow books from the school library. They will have the opportunity to read with an adult throughout the week. We encourage the children to take their books home and appreciate your support in hearing your child read daily for ten minutes so that they can develop their reading skills. Please sign your children's reading record books; pupils that do not read daily will be encouraged to do so during break times. Please help your child keep the books in good condition.

English

Children are taught English daily in mixed-ability groups by their class teacher. This is supplemented with twice weekly reading lessons and spelling lessons.

Maths

Children are taught maths daily in mixed-ability groups by their class teacher.

Homework

We believe that homework plays an important part in pupils' progress at school. Alongside daily reading, children will complete a weekly Learning Log task; this will complement the learning they are doing in school and will cover a range of subjects and key calendar events. This year, children will complete this task on Google Classroom. Additional maths and comprehension work will also be set through the Google Classroom platform. At the beginning of each week, children will also receive daily maths, English and spelling tasks. These tasks should be completed each day, not all at once. They should take no more than a few minutes each. Children will continue to use Times Tables Rockstars, where they can practise their tables and compete with their peers.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear the school uniform. The new uniform can be purchased from JS sports, Neville Road, Luton, LU3 2JQ. Optional summer uniform will only be allowed to be worn from the start of the summer term, when directed by the Head teacher. The tie can be bought from the school office. All items of clothing should be marked with your child's name.

Girls' school uniform

- Grey trousers or skirt
- White shirt
- School tie
- Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Plain grey or white socks
- Flat, plain black shoes

Girls' optional summer uniform

- Royal blue polo shirt with school logo

Optional uniform

- Royal blue tunic set, worn with cardigan with school logo
- Royal blue, ready-made, one piece headscarf

Boys' school uniform

- Grey long trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- Royal blue v-neck Sweatshirt with school logo
- Plain grey or white socks
- Plain black shoes

Boys' optional summer uniform

- Grey, tailored shorts
- Royal blue polo shirt with school logo

White and brightly-coloured trainers are not acceptable, except for sports activities where separate footwear is important.

For safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted with the exception of a watch and one stud earring in each earlobe. Watches must be removed for PE and earrings should be removed, or taped (if you plan to have your child's ears pierced please consider when you do, so there is enough time for them to be removed for these activities). Teachers cannot be held responsible for any accidents relating to the wearing of jewellery.

Hair should be modest in style and of a natural colour. Patterns shaved into hair are not appropriate for school. Hair bands and bows can be worn. Long hair must be tied back for PE and Games. Pupils should not wear make-up or nail polish.

Physical Education

Children are expected to have suitable clothing and footwear for PE and games. Year 6 will require outdoor PE kit on Friday. Indoor PE kit will be required on the following days: Monday: Newton, Tuesday: Einstein, Wednesday: Curie, Thursday: Goodall and Friday: Hawking.

Physical Education kit:

- White polo shirt with school logo, or plain white T-shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Black plimsolls or indoor trainers
- Trainers (Outdoor games only – these must not be boot trainers)

Optional PE Kit:

- Black leggings (worn underneath shorts, if required)
- Black sweat shirt and/or sweat pants (outdoor games only)
- Football boots (outdoor field games only)

It is essential that all items of clothing and equipment be clearly and permanently named.

Pupils must have an outdoor and an indoor pair of footwear for PE and Games lessons. Please make sure that if your child has asthma, the school has their inhaler — your child will need to collect this before their PE lesson from the medical room.

If your child is unable to do PE because of medical or health reasons then please write a letter to the PE teacher to explain why they will not be able to do PE.

Personal equipment

Your child will need the following items: a water bottle, blue handwriting pen (not biro), pencil, ruler, pencil case, rubber, spare pencils and pens, PE clothing bag (named). Most of these are available in the school shop.

We would like to remind parents that children should not bring valuables to school.

Events during the year

We plan a variety of trips, visits and speakers linked to the topics taught. Further details to follow.

Autumn Term – A trip or visit linked to the topic of WWII. Parents' Evenings – October and March (letter to follow).

Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education

Children are educated not only academically but also as individuals capable of understanding themselves and of playing a responsible part as members of a group as well as members of society. Lessons in PSHCEE include the teaching of informal activities which are planned to enhance the development of knowledge, understanding, attitudes and behaviour concerned with themselves, others and their surroundings, social responsibilities, moral ideas and behaviour. Children will be taught fundamental British values and other positive values within our curriculum and in assemblies. The values are changed each month and are on the front of the fortnightly newsletter. Relationship and health education is taught as part of PSHCEE in the summer term within a programme designed to promote self esteem and healthy relationships; understand social responsibility and learn about puberty.

Please help your child by:

- Making sure they come to school every day unless they are too ill
- Making sure they are on time for school – in September with staggered starts, Y6 need to be in class at 9:00
- Making sure they bring their PE kit on the correct day
- Making sure they have a quiet place to complete homework and they bring it back on time
- Ringing the school office to report your child's first day of absence