

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6. This booklet is designed to introduce you to some important information about the year ahead, so that you can help your child to settle in and have a really positive year. Please do have a look at the school website where you will also find information and updates about what is happening at school and in Year 6:

www.queenemmaschool.org.uk

There are lots of exciting topics and events planned for this year, including: WW2 Day, theatre trip, residential trip to Grafham, Fairtrade café, first aid training, Bikeability and, of course, the Leavers' Assembly and evening event.

We do, of course, have high expectations of the children. We would hope to see them developing self-discipline and confidence, as well as demonstrating a responsible and positive attitude to school. We expect the children to show courtesy to each other, to all adults and to respect property. We would welcome your support in encouraging the wearing of correct school uniform.

Our Year 6 Team

Mrs Koster teaches Panther (6.1) and Miss Long teaches Jaguar (6.2). We have half a day a week away from the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment on Tuesday mornings or afternoons. During this time, the children are taught by Mrs Wyard (6.1) or Mrs Ford (6.2). Mrs Murphy, Ms Jones, Mrs Hider and Miss Brown are the TAs.

Homework

The homework set in Year 6 is regular, consisting of weekly spellings, a writing task and a maths activity. These will usually be based on what the children have been learning at school. Please try to encourage spelling practice which is 'little and often' as this is better for retention of the words. House points will be awarded for effort and for meeting the homework tasks particularly well.

There is also a requirement to carry out an individual project each term. Our Autumn project will focus on Fairgrounds. Our Spring project is on Fairtrade and finally our Summer project is making hats to represent ourselves for the Leavers Assembly.

Reading books

Book bags need to be brought in every day and your child may change their book whenever they have finished. Children are encouraged to take home their reading books and to read to an adult or to themselves, with comments added in their reading record books. We would strongly recommend a minimum of twenty minutes reading per day. Some ideas for what you or your child can comment on in their reading record books can be found on their bookmarks attached to their Reading Records.

PE

It is essential that PE kit is kept in school all week, in case lessons have to be swapped. Children should have a plain white round neck T-shirt, black shorts, socks and plimsolls for indoor PE, as well as black jogging bottoms, school jumper/fleece and suitable trainers for outdoor PE. Please inform us, in writing, if your child is unfit to participate in PE.

Please name all clothing and shoes. All children with pierced ears must remove earrings before participating in sport.

Behaviour, Achievements and Responsibility

The children are expected to try their best in all aspects of school life, individually and in a team. As the oldest children in school, there are a large number of opportunities for them to make a significant, positive contribution to school life. Children are asked to apply for a range of jobs and responsibilities and are expected to set a good example for younger children.

Parent helpers are most welcome!

Please let us know if you would be able to spend some time listening to readers, either occasionally or regularly. It really makes a difference!

We hope that you find this helpful, to clarify points made at the Year Group meeting. We look forward to working together with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Koster Miss R Long

Topics to be studied during Year 6 will include:

Autumn Term **World War II:** We will investigate key areas such as Anne Frank, the Blitz, the Battle of Britain, evacuation and rationing.
Art: Paul Nash, Henry Moore.
Fairgrounds & Fairytales: We will study the history of the fairground and use mechanisms to create motorised fairground rides.
Science: Light – properties, refraction, reflection, the eye. Electricity – circuits, varying flow, switches.

Spring Term **Cambridge:** We will develop an understanding about the history and growth of the university, the importance of the University of Cambridge, nationally and internationally, important historical alumni. Including a trip to Cambridge in January 2017.
Fairtrade: We look into what Fair Trade means and develop our own Fair Trade products. Fair Trade Café for parents, date TBC.
Science: Living things – evolution and inheritance, how animals adapt to their environments.

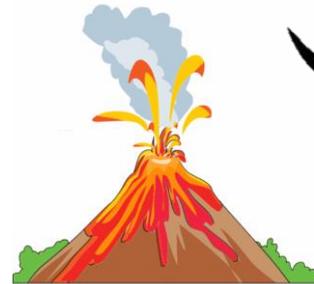
Summer Term **Volcanoes and Earthquakes:** We will delve into how both form, causes and impact of volcanic eruptions, map work locating different active volcanoes and tectonic plates.
RE: Buddhism – the life of Siddhartha, the four noble truths, the noble eightfold path.
Science: Living things – humans and other animals
Transition Unit to prepare for Secondary School
Leavers Assembly: Monday 23rd July at 9:30am

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Y6 residential to **Grafham Water** will take place from 20th–22nd June 2018.

National **SATs** Testing will take place from 14th May 2018.

Please try to avoid booking holidays or appointments during this week.



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