



Cheetah Class Newsletter

Welcome to the new academic year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children into Year 6. I have had the pleasure of teaching some of them before, so it has been lovely to see familiar faces alongside children I am getting to know. Thank you for helping us to have such a calm, positive and settled start to the year.

Year 6 is a very important and exciting year. The children will prepare for their transition to high school, complete their SATs and enjoy many special experiences, including our residential, end-of-year celebrations, leavers' trips and rewards. As I have said to the children, **the more they put into this year, the more they will get out of it!**

Homework

From next week, the children will bring home paper-based homework every Monday. This will include:

- one SPaG activity;
- one reading comprehension; and
- one maths activity.

The children will have one week to complete and return their homework. I have explained that, as Year 6 pupils, it is their responsibility to remember to complete it.

I will keep a record of completed homework, and children who complete it consistently will receive a reward at the end of the Autumn Term, the Spring Term and after SATs. This will help the children to revise important SATs skills while developing the independence and responsibility they will need for high school.

PGL Residential

Our PGL residential will take place from **23rd-25th September**—in just under two weeks! The children are going to have the best time, and I am really looking forward to sharing this exciting experience with them.

What Have We Been Learning?

We have already been incredibly busy!

In **English**, we are exploring *The Arrival* and have produced narratives and diary entries from the characters' points of view. I have been blown away by some of the children's beautiful handwriting and thoughtful vocabulary!

In **Guided Reading**, we are reading *Incredible Journeys*, which is taking us on adventures all around the world.

In **Science**, we have already completed two investigations. We used balloons to investigate static electricity and tested how many pieces of paper we could pick up. We have also created our own electrical circuits. Next week, we will complete yet another experiment— the children are absolutely loving our practical science lessons!

In **Geography**, we have been learning about the different layers of the Earth, including the crust and mantle.

In **History**, we have explored how the Second World War changed Liverpool and affected the people who lived there.

In **Design and Technology**, we are learning about healthy food. The children have already created their own burritos, and next week we will make flatbreads and hummus!

In **PSHE**, the children wrote their Year 6 promises on ribbons and tied them to the dreamcatcher outside our classroom. Together, these promises form our class charter and show how we will make Year 6 a positive year for everyone.

PE

Our PE days are **Monday and Friday**. We enjoyed a game of dodgeball as a reward this week, but our main PE units this term will be **fitness and badminton**.

Please make sure that children have the correct PE kit in school on these days.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance is particularly important in Year 6. Please ensure that your child attends school as regularly as possible so that valuable learning is not missed.

Children should arrive at **8:40 a.m.**, ready to begin Early Bird Maths. These daily activities focus on the arithmetic and reasoning skills needed for Year 6 and the SATs, so arriving on time makes a real difference.

High School Open Days

Please be aware that many high schools will be holding their open days and evenings over the next few weeks. These are a valuable opportunity for you and your child to visit different schools before making your choices.

Clubs

Letters about our school clubs will be sent home this week. Please take a look and encourage your child to sign up!

Polite Reminders

Please remember that stationery and fidget toys from home are not permitted in school. The children have access to all the equipment and appropriate fidget tools they need in the classroom.

Children who walk home may bring a mobile phone to school. Phones must be switched off and placed in the phone box when they arrive each morning. They will be returned to the children at the classroom door at the end of the day.

If you would like to give your child permission to walk home independently, please send a signed letter into school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Stars of the Week

A huge congratulations to **Charlie and Seth**, our Stars of the Week! Both children have demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning, a fantastic work ethic and consistently followed the **Whiston Willis Way**. Well done!

We have had such a positive start to the year, and I am excited to see everything the children will achieve.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Smaje