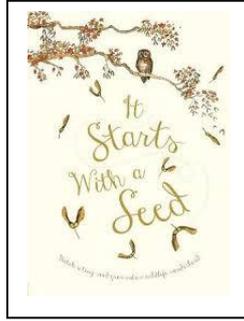




Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September,

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

Welcome to back to school and welcome to Class 6. We know that, for many, this has been a really difficult period and we are so glad to have so many of the children back in this week.

Our goal during this term is for everyone to be feeling comfortable and secure with our school arrangements. For the children, this means a transition period into a different classroom environment and the use of a Recovery Curriculum to help support their learning journey. For parents and carers, this means really clear, frequent communication so that you feel comfortable with the provision we are providing in school.

Since we are unable to have those little chats at the door that we would normally be so used to, please be encouraged that you can call the Class 6 team via the school office for any reason and that we will support in any way we can.

#### Topic:

Our topic this term is 'It Starts With a Seed'. This is a whole school topic focus that looks at a fantastic poem about nature, growth and belonging. We feel that this is going to be a really valuable jumping off point for a topic that will develop the children's emotional literacy and creativity as well as bring the school community together. As well as poetry, we will be looking at information texts in English. Maths this term will start with a place value focus before moving on to look at the four operations and properties of numbers. The attached topic overview will go into more detail on the specific subject focuses within this term, but it is worth noting that there will be a strong PSHE thread that will directly cover COVID-19 and address lockdown.

#### Reading:

Children will bring home a banded book from class to practise their reading at home which should be recorded in their Reading Records. The banding helps us to identify books that are an appropriate vocabulary and content level for the children. If you have a question about your child's reading band, please feel free to make a note in their Reading Record. It is really

important that, in Year 6, children have a mixture of reading independently, reading aloud to adults and being read to. Asking questions about what has been read is key to help develop children's comprehension skills. We would recommend that children read at home with an adult 3 or 4 times a week. In Year 6, the class teacher will hear a child read 1:1 at least once every two weeks, which will be recorded in the Reading Record. The children will read regularly in class through whole class reading sessions.

### Home Learning:

We will not be using Pick and Mix home learning this term. Rather, one piece of home learning will be set on a Monday each week, via Purple Mash. The due date for this will be the next Monday, so that children will have the full week to complete it. Home learning will generally be Science themed, or otherwise closely linked to our topic. If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please let the school office know so that we can send the home learning via ParentMail. This will start from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### Times Tables

Children will have regular opportunities to practise times tables in class using Times Tables Rockstar. This is a really good way to support their understanding at home. These are key facts that need to be secure in Year 6 to support calculations in other aspects of Maths, such as fractions, division and percentages.

### Spellings

Spellings are handed out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Children's spellings will be set according to their needs - most children will learn words and patterns that relate to the Year 5/6 Spelling List. Children should practise by writing sentences to support their understanding of their spellings in context. To further support spellings, we would recommend using [spellingframe.co.uk](http://spellingframe.co.uk). This is a fantastic resource to support the phonetic understanding of spelling and will also be used in class. Spellings will be sent from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### PE:

PE sessions will usually take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. All PE sessions will be outside and so are weather dependent. The children will need a white t-shirt, green or black shorts and a change of socks. The children will already be wearing their trainers to school and do not need a second pair.

### Values:

Thankfulness:

*Thinking of good things*

*Happy memories*

*All creation praising God*

*Not taking anything for granted*

*Keeping focused on the positive*

*Feeling blessed*

*Understanding the sacrifices people make for us*

*Living joyfully*

*Not complaining*

*Expressing gratitude to God*

*Saying thank you to those who help us*

*Showing gratefulness by our deeds.*

We hope that this has been useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mr George & Mrs Morrison

The Class 6 Team