

# Y6 Autumn Newsletter



## Welcome

Welcome back to Dobcroft Junior School!

We are excited to be teaching your child(ren) in their final year at the Junior School. Year 6 is a year group with a wide variety of exciting and challenging learning. Each term, you will receive a newsletter with key information and dates about what is happening that term. If you have any further questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Pratt

Mr Wassell

Mrs Bayles and Mrs Conroy

## Y6 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y6P	Miss Pratt	Mrs Booth
Y6W	Mr Wassell	Ms Stephenson Mrs Booth
Y6BC	Mrs Bayles (Mon-Thur) Mrs Conroy (Friday)	Ms Stephenson Miss Jabbar

## Autumn Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 6 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

### **Autumn 1**

<b>English</b>	Character, setting description and internal monologue inspired by the short film 'Ruin'
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	100 Scientists who changed history (non-fiction) Floodlands (fiction)
<b>Maths</b>	Place Value, four operations
<b>Times tables focus</b>	All times tables facts (weekly 2 minute test)
<b>Science</b>	Animals including humans
<b>History</b>	WW2 – Battle of Britain
<b>DT</b>	Food Celebrating culture and seasonality:
<b>Computing</b>	Communicating text and media
<b>Personal Development</b>	Stereotypes and acceptance, sexism
<b>Online safety</b>	Social Media and Bullying
<b>Music</b>	Elements of music Major/minor key
<b>RE</b>	Hinduism
<b>PE – Games</b>	Ball skills - basketball
<b>PE – gymnastics</b>	Travelling

### **Autumn 2**

<b>English</b>	Persuasive writing inspired by the book 'Can we Save the Tiger?'
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	100 Scientists who changed history (non-fiction) Floodlands cont. (fiction)
<b>Maths</b>	fractions (including decimals and percentages)
<b>Times tables focus</b>	All times tables facts (weekly 2 minute test)
<b>Science</b>	Light
<b>Geography</b>	biomes
<b>Art</b>	Architectural drawings
<b>Computing</b>	Communicating Media
<b>Personal Development</b>	Prejudice
<b>Online safety</b>	Fake news, echo chambers
<b>Music</b>	Rhythms
<b>RE</b>	How can following God bring freedom and justice?
<b>PE – Games</b>	Ball skills - basketball cont.
<b>PE – gymnastics</b>	Balance

**Assessments this term:** We will be carrying out our first Mock SATs week the week commencing 15th September. This is our first opportunity to review knowledge and how we can progress during Year 6. It is a chance for teachers to assess and review their planning based on what the children need.

## **Y6 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)**

Date	Event
WB 15th September	Assessment week 1
2nd October	School photos
14th and 15th October	Parents' evenings
WB 2nd December	Assessment week 2
December – date TBC	Christmas Party

## **PPA**

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternative Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

During this time, your child will be taught P.E., Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Mr Ross – P.E - games

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

## **Home Learning**

This year, your child will receive their home learning on Fridays. This will be due back the following Wednesday so that your teacher can record and give out lots of Dojo Points!

Children will also bring home 10 spellings to learn each week. They will be tested on the following Wednesday. The spellings are also available on Spelling Shed. Your child has a log in for this website.

Home Learning will be set online on your Class' Dojo story.

Your child has been given a new reading record to record all reading at home and homework.

## **P.E**

Class	Days
Y6BC	Fridays and alternate Tues/Thurs
Y6P	Wednesdays and alternate Tues/Thurs
Y6W	Fridays and alternate Tues/Thurs

## **Secondary Ready**

As it is their final year, we want to make the children 'Secondary ready' so please help us to do this by putting the emphasis on the children to ensure they have the correct items for their school day (for example, homework and PE kits).

## **Your support and help**

**We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities:**

Y6W	Y6P	Y6BC
All three classes will would appreciate some volunteers to help with our DT unit which is focussed on food technology. We will confirm dates closer to the time and message on Dojo.		
We know many of our children love to read and we want to encourage the habit of reading for pleasure as a lifetime hobby. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Follow the link which details recommended reads for Y6 aged children. <a href="https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6/">https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6/</a>		