



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank everyone involved in the preparation for SATs week and for the actual week itself. From parents and carers to children and staff, it was an extremely successful week and I was thoroughly impressed with how positive, calm and enthusiastic all Year 6 pupils were ☺ Full credit must go to all the children and I know they will get the results their hard work deserves.

We have begun our Harry Potter theme and, due to last half term being very short and our preparations for SATs, I have decided to extend the theme until the end of term. There will be special weeks and topics that I have planned, and these will be revealed to the children closer to the time, including sports, cooking, team building and DT.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – Harry Potter

KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:

Novel, biography, description, instruction, narrative, explanation, Non-Chronological, quidditch, mythical, wizards, perspective, maps, coordinates, comparison, similarity, difference, relationships,

LEARNING SKILLS – Speaking and Listening

The main focus will be based on these statements:

- I can listen with concentration in discussions, which allows me to question others ideas and opinions responsively.
- I can describe how a speaker uses language and gesture to help the listener understand and pay attention.
- I can develop my ideas and line of argument, describing my thoughts and opinions clearly.
- I can consider which presentation techniques to use when speaking and listening in different contexts, and for different audiences, to engage the audience and get information across.

NUMERACY

The main maths objectives will cover all topics and move towards the transition of year 7. There are more practical lessons that will be taught and the preparation for Key Stage 3 will begin. The children will continue to work in their Big Maths groups and I am pleased to report the huge success of this initiative with the vast majority of the class making a whole level progress.

LITERACY

Writing becomes my main focus in Year 6 due to moderation in June. During Literacy, we will be using the National Literacy Framework and continue to cover units of text types to ensure that children have a wide range of evidence and have a thorough understanding of each text type. There will be many drama and writing opportunities based around the series of books of Harry Potter and I expect children to continue their hard work towards improving their writing and will continue collecting evidence towards my teacher assessment.

ICT

Children will continue to access the class set of Netbooks to support and develop their learning across the curriculum and complete writing assessments. Children will enhance their skills by looking at using programs such as Word; PowerPoint and Microsoft Programs. Children will regularly access the Internet as a source of information and to develop their skills of scanning and retrieving key information; taking notes and recording information in their own words. Children will also utilise E-Learning programmes to practise and apply skills learnt across the curriculum. E-safety is of great importance and will be imbedded into all ICT and will be focused on specifically in PSHE and Internet safety units will be taught.



PE

Children will continue to partake in two hours of PE each week and some weeks more when the weather is better as we work towards Sports Day and Year 6 house tournaments. The children have requested we compete in more tournaments and hopefully the weather will allow this. Please remind your child that they should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday, **leave it in school all week** then take it home to be washed on a Friday. Can we remind you that school rules state that for the safety of your child, earrings need to be removed for PE (which needs to be done independently) or plasters (provided by home) need to cover the earrings. Children with long hair will also be asked to ensure that it is tied back.

READING

It is imperative that you continue to encourage your child to read a variety of texts, including *stories, non-fiction, magazines, comics, children's newspapers and poetry*. Please continue to ensure your child is an independent reader and reads at home. There will continue to be extra provision on a Wednesday for some children to have reading time with an adult but this is extra provision and home reading is just as, if not more, important. Some children have shared their favourite books and I am more than happy to continue making recommendations for what your child may enjoy, please ask.

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive an activity in their Learning Logs and one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, I will continue to set key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. I expect the Year 6s to have responsibility for completing their home learning each week and responsible for being organised in preparation for secondary school.

Thank you for your continued support, it has been a pleasure working alongside you and teaching your child for the past two years. There will be many exciting and new learning opportunities in the next half term and the preparation for transition to Secondary school is always an exciting one.

I know we are all excited about the final Summer Term and the year 6 children leaving Norwood with many fond memories 😊

Yours sincerely

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