



Year 6's News



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Welcome to Year 6

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children to Year 6. My name is Mr. Hyland, and I will be the Year 6 class teacher this year. I am delighted to let you know that we will also be joined by Mr. Wallis, our Deputy Headteacher, and Miss. Pitts, who will be supporting the children in Year 6 throughout the year.

Year 6 Residential – Buckden House

We are very excited about our upcoming residential trip to Buckden House, taking place from **Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October**. During the week, the children will have the chance to take part in once-in-a-lifetime activities such as abseiling and caving, alongside a wide range of fun and engaging experiences. This trip is the perfect opportunity for the children to step outside of their comfort zones, build independence, and share unforgettable memories with their friends away from home. We know it will be a fantastic highlight of the year!

What are we learning about this term?

English

At Holybrook Primary School, we love reading! The first novel in Year 6 is Warhorse by Michael Morpurgo.

Maths

In the first weeks of the new school year, Year 6 will be very busy! We will be learning about place value (the value of each digit within a number) in numbers up to ten million, ordering and comparing numbers, rounding and negative numbers.

Science

Our topic is all about the circulatory system. We will learn about the human circulatory system, how it helps our bodies to function and how the human heart is like a pump!

Year 6 Creative Curriculum Theme 1 (Autumn term)

Areas of Learning



Conflict

Our place in the world: We will learn about immigration and its impact on the United Kingdom.

Fresh Experiences: We will create pieces of clothing inspired by the East Side gallery in Berlin.

Equality and Diversity: We will learn about how immigration has made the United Kingdom a much more diverse and rich place.

Possibilities: We will learn about how to collaborate in using a shared digital network and apply this to the world of work.



In Computing sessions we will, as 21st century learners, collaborate, share and present data linked to information using a shared network with Year 5.



As geographers we will learn about Europe's geography and why the European map changed in the post-war years. We will investigate post-war immigration into the UK and consider how Britain changed during this period.

As artists we will build on stitching techniques developed in the Year 5 unit 'Make do and Mend' and create cushions inspired by the East Side Gallery in Berlin.

As historians we will analyse sources that give clues as to why World War II began and how people led their lives across Europe in the post-war years. We will be going to understand the concept of propaganda and how this was used during the Cold War.

In Design Technology, we will be showing an understanding of the qualities of materials and choosing appropriate tools to cut and join textiles cushions.

Reading at Holybrook

The Importance of Reading

Reading is the key to success across all subjects and helps children build vocabulary, imagination, and confidence.

In Year 6, regular daily reading is especially important as it supports learning and prepares pupils for secondary school. We ask that children read at home every day and bring their **reading journals** into school daily.

Listening to your child read, asking questions, or sharing a story together makes a huge difference in developing both understanding and a lifelong love of reading.

Homework

Children will be set an activity project to complete on or before **Friday 16th October**. They are welcome to hand in their work at any time before the deadline, allowing me to provide feedback and guidance.

PE

PE kits are required to be in school each **Wednesday** and **Friday**; kit lists are available if required. Please speak with a member of the Year 6 team if your child has an injury preventing them taking part in PE so alternative provision can be made for them to join in the lesson.

Year 6's Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for every child's success. Being in school every day helps pupils build strong learning habits, keep up with the curriculum, and develop social and emotional skills. Missing lessons can make it harder to catch up and can affect progress over time. By working together to ensure good attendance, we give every child the best chance to achieve their potential. School starts at 8.45am.

Current Whole-School Attendance: 95.3%

Year 6 Attendance: 93.2%

Target Attendance: 96%

Every school day counts

100% Attendance	Superb!
97% Attendance	Good
95% Attendance	Slight concern
90% Attendance	Very concerned
85% Attendance	Local authority intervention

Lateness=Lost Learning		
5 minutes late each day	=	3 days of learning lost
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days of learning lost
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days of learning lost
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days of learning lost
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days of learning lost
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