



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 6 Autumn 1 Newsletter



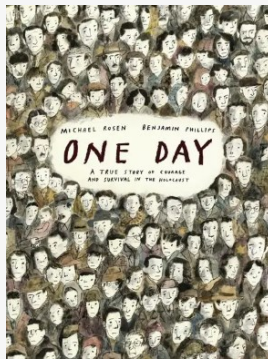
Hello and welcome to Year 6!

What a fantastic start the children have made already! It has been wonderful getting to know the children, who have settled in brilliantly and embraced the new school year with enthusiasm and maturity. We are thrilled with their positive attitude and have already been amazed by the high standard of work they are producing.

Literacy

This half term, the children will be reading 'One Day' by Michael Rosen.

This true story is set during the holocaust and WW2 so links nicely to the children's History topic. Across this unit, the children will be learning various grammar skills: colons, semi-colons for lists, informal language and dashes. We look forward to reading their diary entries and letters that they produce.



Reading

This half term, the children will be focussing on developing their retrieval skills as well as exploring vocabulary in context. We will be exploring some exciting fiction books including Kensuke's Kingdom, Goldfish Boy and The Girl of Ink and Stars.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we are going to be exploring place value, the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and fractions. In order to access all the learning in year 6, it is crucial that children can confidently recall all their times tables up to 12x12. If your child is not yet confident, you can support them with daily practise at home and encourage them to use TT Rockstars.

Science

In Science this half term, we are learning how to classify living things, developing knowledge of vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and micro-organisms. The children have already learnt about Carl Linnaeus and the classification system that he created.



Wider Curriculum



This half term we will have a focus on History and Art. In History, we will use a range of sources to learn about the causes of WW2, The Blitz and evacuation.

In Art, our topic is macro photography where we are using cameras and learning how to manipulate images by editing photos.



Display boards

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 6 have been working hard to create two fantastic displays. In the corridor, they have produced some fantastic art and written work linked to 'The Lion and the Unicorn'.

They have also explored growth mindsets and positive affirmations. It has been lovely to see the motivational and positive quotes they have produced using the inspiration of 'Change your words, change your mindset'.



PE

Year 6 children will have indoor PE on a **Tuesday** where they will be developing their core strength and learning a variety of **yoga** poses. Outdoor PE will be on a **Friday** where children will be practising their throwing and catching and further developing their batting and fielding skills during **rounders**.

Please come to school in your PE kit.

PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts
- White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

Forest School

Year 6 children will have Forest School once each half term. This term, we have some exciting bushcraft activities planned where children will work in groups to build a shelter.

6M will have Forest School on **Thursday 22nd October**.

6S will have Forest School on **Monday 19th October**.



Homework

Children will receive **spelling and maths homework every Friday**. Homework should be completed and returned to school, in their homework folder, by the following **Wednesday**. You will receive a text message each week with the details of the pages to complete in the maths workbook and children will also be told in class.



Thank you for your support!

The Year 6 Team

Miss Evans Miss Salisbury Mrs Matharu

