

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and would like to welcome you back. We are very much looking forward to a happy and successful year with the children.

We are very excited by our topic this term 'City Story'.



We will be focusing on the local history of Leeds and Headingley, in particular the significance of the Victorian era leading on to the wars and post war years. We will be using maps of the area as part of our geography work. In science, we will be studying forces and investigating gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also learn about the mechanisms of levers, pulleys and gears and link this to our work in DT where we will design and make a toy that uses a mechanical system. In art, we will begin by looking at the work of L.S. Lowry and develop our own pictures in a similar style. Computing sessions will focus on developing more advanced keyboard and word processing skills; refining our information retrieval skills along with safe internet use.

Our English work will link to our topic work and will include writing reports, explanations, diary entries, instructions, persuasion and story writing. In Maths, we will continue with the Passport targets and following the new mathematics curriculum beginning with rounding and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000, negative numbers, calculations using formal methods and moving on to fractions, algebra, measurement, geometry and statistics.

The Year 6 team will see Mr Davies and Mrs Hill teaching with Ms Earl and Miss Readman supporting the class. Mrs Maver and Ms Virgin will teach PE and art respectively once a week.

Please see the table below for PE days. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for both sessions each week: a **white t-shirt, dark shorts or bottoms, pumps or trainers**. As the weather becomes colder, tracksuit bottoms will be appropriate as we will continue to do outdoor PE throughout the winter months. If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please contact the office, see a member of the classroom staff or write a note. Please note that if your child takes part in lunchtime or afterschool sports clubs such as football or rugby, they will need **a separate change of clothes** for this to ensure they have a clean set for every PE lesson.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day. This can either be taken home each night or left in school for us to put fresh water in each day.

We will be sending home our separate homework leaflet shortly. Please remember that the most important homework you can do is encouraging your child to read regularly, practise their weekly spellings and helping them to learn their Maths Passport targets. Please see below for days that we will be testing spellings and Maths Passport targets in school.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to this very important year with your children. Please do get in contact if there is anything at all you would like to discuss about your child or their learning. Feel free to arrange to see us by catching us at the start or the end of the day or by asking at the office to make an appointment.

Many thanks for your support.

Alun Davies and the Year 6 team

PE Days	Reading book day	Maths Passport day	Spelling day	Library book day
Wednesday Friday	Everyday	Friday	New Spellings: Monday Test: Friday	Tuesday