



Year 6 Autumn 1 - Topic Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Year 6. The classes are settling in well and we are looking forward to a fun-filled and creative year ahead. Outlined below are the areas we will be covering in each subject. Our main topic is **Rivers and Bridges**.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	Planning skills Poetry Creative writing tasks There will be weekly spelling and grammar tasks included in the homework based on the class needs.	Touch-typing help- http://www.dancemattypingguide.com/list-of-dance-mat-typing-stages/
Maths	Calculations, Data Handling, Geometry, Formal Algebra	www.sumdog.com –a website filled with exciting maths games. Create an account via the parent section https://www.khanacademy.org/
Science	Living things and Habitats	BBC KS2 Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/ BBC documentaries e.g. Attenborough - Africa etc
ICT	E-safety and Multimedia	http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/ http://www.tetherdownschool.org/parents/esafety
Geography	Rivers	Thames Festival http://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/totally-thames-festival
PE	Football and Outdoor Adventure	
DT	Bridges	
PSHE/ RE	New Beginnings/ Significance of Rivers in Religion	
Music	Singing- Mixing Songs/Pop Culture/River inspired songs	
Trips	Tower Bridge	D&T topic

P.E sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both classes. It is very important the children have a **labelled** P.E. kit (T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers) in school on P.E. days. Children should have the school P.E. kit. No jewellery, including watches can be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back. Children should also bring a separate small bag to store their footwear.

Welly Wednesdays: Make sure children are wearing weather appropriate clothing on Wednesday. We will be exploring an outdoor curriculum in Science.

Home Learning is set on a Thursday and should be returned the following week on Tuesday. Please do not bring in your child's home learning to the office if he or she forgets to bring it in on time. Finally, please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle for hydration. Snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables.

Dates for your diaries:

Curriculum workshop for parents Thursday 29th September 7.00-8.30pm

Parents evening – **Tuesday 4th October** and **Thursday 13th October** 4.00 - 7.00pm.

Tower Bridge Trip - tbc

Open Afternoon – **Wednesday 19th October 2.45-3.30pm**

Year 6 Griffins – **Friday 4th November**

Victorian Day – **Tuesday 8th November**

Year 6 Phoenix Assembly – **Friday 18th November**

If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to visit us at the end of the day, you will find us on the playground. We are looking forward to a happy, successful year with the children.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Hattenstone and Mrs. Hedley