



TJS

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Year 6 Autumn Term

Welcome back from the Year 6 team – we hope you had a restful summer holiday.

Our teaching staff are:

6T – Mrs Cole (Year 6 leader) /Miss Bignell

6J – Miss Kew/Mr Harrocks

6S - Mrs Gregory

Our teaching assistants are:

Mrs Carey

Mrs Cooper

Miss Majcher

We hope you have had a restful summer and look forward to working with your children over the course of the year. We are going to be looking at many exciting topics over the months and will start by studying rivers, the art of William Morris and our literacy focus will be linked to the Greatest Showman. This term, some children will be going on our French residential trip while those who remain at school will be involved in an exciting week based on movies, culminating in a trip to the Harry Potter experience on the 18th October. The following week, the children will take part in learning about river formation where we will visit the River Chess in Amersham on the 21st and 22nd October. Children from 6S and half of 6T will go on the Monday and the remaining children will take part on the Tuesday. We will keep you updated of our news through the school newsletter so please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you.

At Turnfurlong, we understand the importance of strong links between school and home and welcome you to come and discuss any concerns with your child's teacher. More often than not, you will be able to catch us at the end of the day on the playground. If this is not possible, then please call the school office to arrange a meeting with your class teacher in the first instance.

Homework

We will be continuing to use Show My Homework this term and encouraging the children to submit their work online via Show My Homework. This can be done in a variety of ways, including taking a picture and uploading it, or completing the work on a word document and uploading from there. Any problems please contact Mrs Cole. If you are unable to access the internet at home, please also contact Mrs Cole. All homework will now be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Spelling Practice - 25 mins per week. Through the Show my Homework APP children will be able to practise their spellings by listening to the words and typing in the spellings for the week that are linked to the spelling rule they are currently learning. Additional support sheets will be available if you wish to do further work with your child but this is not compulsory and need not be handed in at school. The key priority is that your child understands the actual spelling rule rather than just know the spelling words so that they are able to apply these rules in their everyday writing. The following week your child will no longer be tested on all 10 spellings, but a sample of words they have looked at over the week and there may even be an odd one thrown in that links to the spelling rule to fully check their application and understanding.

Regular reading – 25 mins per week. This is a key area which we are asking you to focus on with your child at home on a regular basis. Listening to your child read daily and asking them about the text improves all areas of literacy. We no longer have the luxury of spare TA hours to hear lots of readers regularly, so are asking for your help in supporting this. We are also putting out a plea to parents / grandparents who may have a spare couple of hours a week to hear key children read in school. If you are able to, or know of anyone, then we would ask you to let the office know.

Times tables (TT rocks) – Regular practise of times tables is required. Children are expected to be able to recall facts to 12 x 12 .

Maths written work – 40 mins per week. This will include either calculations, an investigation, an explanation, including MyMaths online work.

Literacy written work – 40 mins, every other week.

Learning Log – 40 mins, every other week.

PE / Games - Children must have the appropriate PE kit. This includes a red t-shirt, black shorts and trainers and long red socks. They must also have a black tracksuit for wearing in cold weather. Please remember to label all kit!

Booster Groups - There will be many children involved in booster groups this year which will be on a rolling program depending on your child's needs in a particular area. Numeracy, reading comprehension and writing booster sessions will take place on a regular basis. These will cover all levels of ability to support and further challenge each and every child in the booster group. If your child has been chosen to take part in a booster group, it does not necessarily mean that they are falling behind. If you wish to discuss booster groups further, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Cole. Please note that should your child need to attend a booster group, they will receive a letter this week.

Enrichment this term

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Year 6 Autumn</u>	<u>Approx Costs</u>	
14/10/19 – 18/10/19	French Residential		Residential trip
18/10/19	Movie making experience	£22.23	Harry Potter experience trip
21/10/19	Geography visit	£15.60	6S and half of 6T Amersham River Study trip
22/10/19	Geography visit	£15.60	6J and half of 6T Amersham River Study trip
25/10/19	Coffee morning	N/A	We would like the children to create wonderful and yummy cakes for this morning to sell. All proceeds will go to a charity of their choice.

All payments must be made via the Gateway, at least a week before the trip occurs.

Any optional whole school events will be notified via the newsletter and a payment option will be added to the App. If you choose not to participate, you do not need to pay and the payment options will disappear after a certain date. An example of this is the cross-country races.

If your child attends any clubs that involve costs or takes music lessons then these are **not** included in the table above.

Spellings

As part of our spelling lessons this year, we will be teaching the following word lists which are now compulsory as part of the new curriculum. These are alongside the weekly spellings that are linked to spelling rules.

Year 5 word list

apparent	cemetery	determined	explanation	interfere	Occupy	Rhythm
amateur	communicate	develop	familiar	Language	Occur	Secretary
ancient	community	dictionary	foreign	Leisure	Persuade	Shoulder
available	conscience	environment	forty	Lightning	Physical	Soldier
average	convenience	equip(-ed, -ment)	government	Muscle	Programme	Stomach
bargain	curiosity	excellent	hindrance	Neighbour	Queue	Temperature
bruise	desperate	existence	individual	nuisance	recognise	twelfth
rhyme	vegetable					

Year 6 word list

accommodate	category	disastrous	immediate(ly)	privilege	sincere(ly)
accompany	committee	embarrass	interrupt	profession	sufficient
according	competition	especially	marvellous	pronunciation	suggest
achieve	conscious	exaggerate	mischievous	recommend	symbol
aggressive	controversy	frequently	Necessary	relevant	system
appreciate	correspond	guarantee	opportunity	restaurant	thorough
attached	criticise	harass	parliament	sacrifice	variety
awkward	definite	identity	prejudice	signature	vehicle
yacht					

Library

Our library at school is well stocked with a wide range of authors and genres to suit every reader. We actively encourage children to change their book on a regular basis and will check their reading records every week. Please could you remind the children to bring their books into school so that they can change them as often as is required. If you wish to come into school to help your child change their book then the library is open from 8.30 until 8.40 Monday to Friday and 3.15-3.30 after school. The library is also open to all students after they have eaten their lunch from 12.45-1.15 Monday to Thursday.

What you can do to help your child

We are often asked how parents can support their child's learning at home and there are many ways in which you can help.

Reading

Hearing your child to read every day encourages discussions regarding the story line and any new vocabulary.

Numeracy

There are many, many websites for children and it can be tricky at times to know where to start. I have listed some websites which I have used in the past which have fun games and activities for your child to play.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/> This is a good website to help revise the different areas of maths.

www.mymaths.co.uk TJS has subscribed to this website and it is fantastic! The booster packs are particularly good as they are there to revise the level of maths your child is at.

Websites to support your child's learning across all areas of the curriculum

www.crickweb.co.uk This website has a huge amount of educational resources and activities.

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk The clever staff at this school have created a fantastic learning zone which includes many topic areas including maths and literacy.

Spelling Year 5 and 6 are now able to access The Spelling Shed to practice their spellings. The username and passwords will be the same as all other logon information.