

Year 6 Half-Termly Newsletter – Autumn 1

A New School Year – September 2025

Welcome to Year 6!

I am absolutely delighted to be welcoming this wonderful group of children back for their final year of primary school. After only having them for half of the year in Year 4, I felt a little cheated – so I feel incredibly lucky to be their teacher again as they step into Year 6! They are a fantastic, hardworking group and I know we'll share a successful, memorable year filled with learning, laughter, and lots of fun.

Year 6 Team 😊

This year, I (Mrs Wainwright) will be leading the class, and I'm thrilled to be supported by Miss Hughes. We are also fortunate to have additional support from Mrs Corbi, who will be working with the children during the mornings. Miss Murphy will be teaching the class on a Thursday afternoon and alternate Monday AM/Tuesday PM. Together, we're committed to making this a brilliant final year for your children.

Home-time Arrangements

Now that the children are in Year 6, they have received a letter for parents to sign and return if you would like your child to walk home independently. Until then, children will need to be collected by an adult from the KS2 playground. They will be dismissed from the blue door between the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms.

Meet the Teacher

We'd love to see you at our Meet the Teacher meeting on Friday, 19th September at 3.40pm in the Year 6 classroom. This will be an opportunity to share lots of important information about the year ahead and answer any questions you may have.

Home Learning

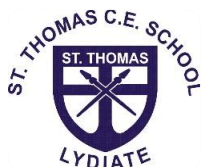
Reading

Reading continues to be a top priority in Year 6. We have now introduced an exciting new online programme called Reading Plus, which replaces Accelerated Reader. After visiting schools that have already made the switch, we have seen first-hand the outstanding impact this programme has had on children's reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

While we understand some parents may have concerns about screentime, it's important to recognise the benefits of purposeful, educational screen use. Reading Plus is a research-backed platform designed to develop confident, capable readers – and sessions can be completed in as little as 10 minutes. It can be accessed on any device, including tablets, laptops, and even gaming consoles like PlayStations!

Alongside Reading Plus, we are also placing a strong emphasis on reading for pleasure. We'll be spending more time in our wonderful school library and I've ordered lots of fantastic new books for the children to borrow and enjoy. We hope this love of reading continues at home too. If children are particularly enjoying a book they are reading at home, they are welcome to bring that book in, but please ensure it is named to ensure it goes back to the right house!

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We kindly ask that your child's reading journal is signed five times a week, with a mixture of Reading Plus and reading for pleasure.

Times Tables and Maths Fluency

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars regularly. Even 5-10 minutes a day helps build confidence and speed, supporting all areas of their maths learning.

Spelling

Spellings will be sent home at the start of the half term and are also available on the school website. Regular practice is encouraged and really helps children retain the spelling patterns we cover in class.

Seesaw

We'll continue using Seesaw to share class news, celebrate fantastic work, and keep you up to date with what we're learning. Please ensure your notifications are switched on so you don't miss anything.

PE - Swimming this Half Term

This half term, PE will be swimming lessons, which will take place every Tuesday. Children will need to bring their swimming kit to school each Tuesday. Please ensure they have everything they need, including a towel, swimwear, goggles and a swim hat.

I'm really looking forward to the year ahead and feel incredibly privileged to teach this brilliant class once again. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact me via the school office or feel free to come and speak to me at the door at the end of the day.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wainwright
Year 6 Class Teacher

Please see below for an overview of what we will be learning this half term.



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Year 6 Curriculum Map

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Maths In maths we will be learning about numbers and their place value up to 10,000,000. Initially we will be revisiting and revising previous Year 5 place value and rounding objectives before moving on to Year 6. We will then be strengthening our understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division,) order of operations and beginning work on fractions.	English In our first term in English, we will be reading and exploring the book, 'A Story Like the Wind'. We will respond to the text creatively through discussion, drama, storytelling and role play. We will then be writing some poetry, flashback stories and newspaper reports. We will also be continuing with our Reading Spine book at the end of the day and reading a range of extracts during Whole Class Guided Reading.	RE In RE, our title is 'Life as a Journey'. It involves lots of thoughtful discussions about how life can be seen as a journey. We will also be thinking about what we can learn from Jesus' life story, and about Pilgrimage in different religions.
History In history, we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of World War I, looking at reasons and consequences of it, and the impact this had on the world.	Geography In geography, we will be looking at spatial sense. We will learn about cartographers and why the Earth is split using imaginary lines. We will use the lines of longitude and latitude to locate co-ordinates on a map of the world.	Science In science this half term, we will be learning about classification of living things. We will be studying the five main kingdoms and how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics.
PE This half term we will be swimming every Tuesday. Please send in swimming kits and hats on this day.	Music In music, Year 6 are really fortunate to be able to learn to play the ukulele. The whole class will be learning to play the ukulele as well as learning about the history of music.	MFL In French, our topic is A L'Ecole. We will be learning how to say what subjects we study in school, our likes, dislikes, favourite subjects and we will also be learning about time/ timetables.
PSHE/ Beacons of Light Through our My Happy Mind scheme, we will be focusing on giving children a foundational knowledge of the brain and teaching them how they can look after their minds to be at their very best.	Computing Computer systems and networks - Communication We will be learning about how search engines work and ways of communicating via the Internet	D&T Day Friday 10th October