



Year Six

Parent Newsletter
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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready to continue your learning in Year Six.

Here is what we will be learning;



Subject	Learning Challenge— All the Fun of the Fair?
Geography	As geographers, we will be exploring and mapping our local area. We will use 4 and 6 figure grid references and symbols and keys. When carrying out our fieldwork, we will collect statistics about people and places and present our findings in lots of different ways. Using all of our research, we will justify our decisions.
Art and Design	As designers, we will explore elements of fairground rides including movement and lighting. When designing we will produce several sketches before deciding on our final choice. To create our fairground ride, we will measure and cut precisely and make stable and strong joins. We will evaluate our products by identifying what works well and then refine these appropriately.
P.E.	Both Year Six classes will have P.E. on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry and you are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep you warm. If, for any reason, you are poorly or unable to do PE you will need a note from home before you are excused.
PSHE	During this half term, we will be developing our understanding of money, thinking about interests, loans, debt and taxes. We will consider that choices about the way resources are allocated can affect communities.



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Subject	
<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by focussing on descriptive writing in the style of Michael Morpurgo. We will plan, draft, re-draft. Through this work we will be developing our use of specific skills within spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> 
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year Six.</p> 
<p>Science</p> 	<p>As scientists, we will be studying light and electricity. During our 'Electricity' lessons, we will investigate how to effect the brightness of bulbs and give reasons for variations within circuits. We will use symbols effectively to represent components in circuit diagrams. Within our 'Light' lessons, we will learn about how light travels, how the eye sees and how shadows are formed.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>As information communication technologists, we will learn about and explore spreadsheets. We will then use this knowledge to develop our own spreadsheets.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>As theologians, we will focus on how people express their faith through the arts. We will understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning, explore and show understanding of similarities and differences between different religions and worldviews and apply our own ideas thoughtfully in different forms—including art.</p>
<p>French</p> 	<p>As linguists, we will be learning to tell the time, describe our daily routines and our school timetable, as part of our topic about school life in France.</p> 

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

Homework

Each week you are required to complete homework. This includes reading with somebody at home.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Spellings—for test on the following Friday.
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	
Friday	15 minutes reading	In a change to last year, children will now have either Maths homework or Learning Challenge homework. This will alternate each week and should be returned to school on a Wednesday.

Reading

Your reading book must be in school every day. You are expected to change your book regularly. Every time you change your book you will receive a sticker for your rainbow reading chart. When you complete a colour you will get a prize! Please ask the people you read to at home to initial your Reading Record after you have read because it will be checked. *You* should write the title, author, start and completion date and comment in your Reading Record – not the people at home who look after you!

Parents evening will be on 15th and 17th November 2016.

Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the year.

The Year Six Brooklands Team