

# **Knutsford Primary Academy**

## **Welcome to Year 6**

# Staff

- Class teachers- Miss Owen and Miss Barnett
- PPA staff- Mrs Freeman/ Ms Cooper/ Mr Smith/ Mrs McConnon
- TAs- Mrs Parrish and Mrs Hodge

Your child may also come into contact with the following members of staff who work across the school:

- Mrs Denbigh (Inclusion Coordinator)
- Mrs McConnon (Inclusion Support Worker)
- Mrs Townsend (Teaching Assistant)

# Daily routines

- The children should arrive by 8.55am each day and, when the whistle blows, line up on the Upper key stage 2 playground. If your child is late they will need to sign in at the office so they can be registered.
- At the end of the day the children will be brought down to the upper key stage 2 playground (by the lunch trolleys).
- There are separate KS1 and KS2 playtimes. Our playtime is at 10:45 and lasts 15 minutes. Children are allowed to bring in a small healthy snack for playtime which should be fresh fruit or vegetables. Please do not send your child in with cereal bars, biscuits and chocolate.
- Lunchtime is at 12.15 - 1.20.

# Independence



One of the aims of Year 6 is to prepare the children for secondary school where they will be expected to be independent and take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour. By the end of the year we expect the children to take responsibility for themselves this includes:

- Equipment
- Behaviour
- Organisation
- Home learning
- Positive attitude

Your child should come to school with their water bottle filled with water.

# Equipment

- We provide all the stationery your child needs for school but your child may choose to bring a small pencil case with basic equipment such as pens/pencils to write with and colouring pencils. There is no need for expensive stationery from a brightly coloured shop called S\*\*\*\*\*!
- If your child chooses to bring a bag to school it must be small enough to hang in the cloakroom. Some children put all of their equipment, including PE kit and trainers, in 1 large bag and carry it to and from school each day – there is no need for this, especially if it doesn't fit on their peg.
- A small water bottle is available to buy for £2.50 from the school office. Expensive varieties are not necessary.

# Topics

The main topics the children will be learning about are:

Autumn 1	Ancient Greek life and their influence on the western world
Autumn 2	Evolution and Inheritance
Spring 1	Living Things and their Habitats
Spring 2	Britain Since 1950
Summer 1	Animals including Humans
Summer 2	Contrasting UK Localities- to include our trip to the IOW

Each half term you will receive a curriculum newsletter which outlines what we are aiming to teach in each subject.

# PE

- We have outdoor PE on Monday
- Indoor PE/ swimming on Wednesday
- PE kits should be in school every day in case of unavoidable changes to the timetable.
- Swimming is a statutory requirement in the National Curriculum. Lessons take place at Woodside Leisure Centre.

	Indoor	Outdoor
Autumn 1	Gymnastics-Plane Swimming- Maple	Ultimate Frisbee
Autumn 2	Dance- Plane Swimming- Maple	Unihockey
Spring 1	Dance- Maple Swimming- Plane	Handball
Spring 2	Gymnastics- Maple Swimming- Plane	Athletics
Summer 1	Gymnastics	Athletics
Summer 2	Dance	Rounders

# Reading

- Reading is the key to success in many areas of the curriculum and we give it a high priority.
- In Year 6 we take a whole class approach to guided reading completing comprehension activities related to the text being studied twice a week
- Please encourage your child to read from a variety of genres that are age appropriate – there is a recommended book list on the school website.
- Please support your child with their reading at home. We ask that your child should read a minimum of 4 times a week, please regularly discuss what they are reading with them. We would like the children to record what they have read in their reading record. A success criteria for doing this has been stuck inside their reading record book.
- Children are never too old to be read to, or to share the reading of a book with you!

# Reading Bingo!



Choose a category of book to read using the choices below, and write the date and book title in the box. You need to read one book from each box. You will need to record your reading in your reading record as usual.

A book of poetry	A book inspired by a book read in class	A children's (or adult) classic novel	A joke book or a cartoon series
A non-fiction book	Free choice	A book recommended by someone else	A book about a hobby you enjoy
A sequel to another book	A book of short stories	A Greek myth	A novel told in the first person



Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars at home, as it is a motivational and challenging way to develop and consolidate times tables knowledge. This can be downloaded as an app for tablets and phones.

If you need your login details please ask your child's class teacher.

Remember it is better to play more often and for less time. For example, 3 or 4 times a week for 15 minutes, than in one big go!

# Knutsford University



We are delighted to announce the return of Knutsford University! Knutsford University will take place on four Friday afternoons in November and then again for a whole day in May.

## **How do parents find out about courses?**

Parents are informed that the university is about to take place and what the courses are for that term in the Friday newsletter. At the same time Mrs Beaumont will ask if any parents would like to become involved by helping out. (Some parents even run courses for us and these have often been amongst the most popular.)

# Home learning

- Home learning activities at Knutsford support the learning that we have been doing in class. This will be: maths, grammar and spellings.
- We would appreciate your support with homework:
  - encourage your child to look after their home learning books/sheets and take a pride in their work
  - provide a suitable place, away from TV, mobile phones and other distractions, in which home learning can be completed, whether working alone or with an adult
  - monitor home learning and inform the class teacher if an issue arises
  - support your child to plan their time and meet deadlines
  - *The Home Learning Policy is being reviewed in the second half of the autumn term and may or may not change depending upon the outcome of the review.*

# Home learning continued...

- Every Friday your child will be tested on the words they have been learning – this will be done in the form of dictation.
- If there is any problems with homework then please come and speak to us.
- Homework that is not completed on time will have to be done at lunchtime

# School uniform



We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform at all times, including for PE:

<http://www.knutsford.herts.sch.uk/parent-info/school-uniform/>

All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

**Lost property!** We endeavour to return named items but most items in lost property are not named.



# E-safety

E-safety is of paramount importance in today's world and it forms an ongoing theme in our computing curriculum in each year group. The e-safety codes we use with the children, along with other information you may find useful, can be viewed on the school website.

<http://www.knutsford.herts.sch.uk/children-learning/e-safety/>

Please be aware of what your child accesses on computers, tables and phones at home. Unless you have the appropriate controls in place your child will be able to access more than cute kitten videos on You Tube.

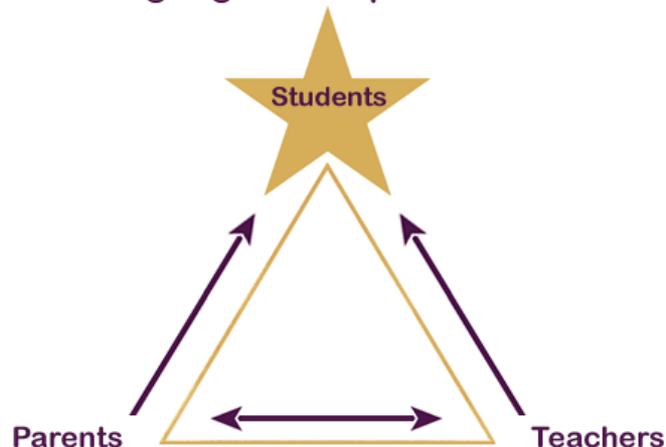


# Communication

Communication is a two way process. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any queries or concerns and we will do our very best to help in any way we can.

And vice-versa, we will contact you if we have any queries or concerns regarding your child's learning or behaviour.

**Working together equals success!**



**When teachers and parents work together,  
students can reach for the stars!**

How to contact us:

- Note to school with child
- Mornings (for very quick messages)
- After school
- Leave a message with admin staff and we will contact you
- Parent teacher consultation evenings

# Parental help

- Do you have any spare time?
- We are always looking for parents to come in and help, preferably on a regular basis. If you have half an hour to spare you could hear children read or help them learn their spellings, number facts or multiplication tables. Have a chat with the class teacher if you would like to offer regular help.
- If you can't help regularly, maybe you have knowledge or a skill related to an aspect of the curriculum we cover this year. Have a look at the half termly curriculum newsletters and let us know if you can help that term.
- Regular parental help is subject to satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks being carried out. Further information is available from Mrs Allnutt in the school office.



# Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATS)

- As of 2014, the 'old' national curriculum levels (e.g. level 3, 4, 5) were abolished as set out in government guidelines.
- The 2014 curriculum is rigorous and sets noticeably higher expectations than previous curricula, which is why all schools have had to work hard to meet and adapt to it since its introduction.

- Key Stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:
  - Reading (60 minutes)
  - Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
  - Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes)
  - Mathematics
    - - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
    - - Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
    - - Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)
- All tests are externally marked.
- As in recent years, writing will be teacher assessed internally.

# How to help your child

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep each night and a healthy breakfast every morning!

# Questions?

