

# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2



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The Year 6 children have settled in brilliantly into their final year at Portsdown. The Year 6 Team have been really impressed with their hard work, growing independence and increasing maturity.

Year 6 is such an important year for the children and now that everyone has submitted their applications for secondary school, we are really focused on getting the children ready for this transition.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us so we can discuss these with you.

The Year 6 Team

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We are very lucky this year to have a team of experienced staff working in year 6 who have been working with your last child's teacher getting to know them as best they can. The year 6 team are looking forward to helping every child grow, learn and succeed.

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## **School uniform**

Can we please just remind children that they must be bringing a coat and a red warm jumper or cardigan to school as it is now getting much colder. We have noticed that some children have forgotten that no nail varnish or jewelry should be worn except small stud earrings or a wrist watch.

## Diary Dates

Please look out for the school newsletter with all relevant dates that will be announced shortly.

## Spellings

Year six is an important year for your child and we would like to make it a journey the children enjoy and remember as they prepare to move onto secondary school. This is a job we take seriously and would like to ask for your support at home to ensure that the children not only reach their full potential but are relaxed and calm on their journey. Over the year your child will have spellings and homework tasks to help support this and we would like to ask that if possible you support your child with these.

## In PSHE

We will be focusing on anti-Bullying – caring friendships and respectful relationships.

**PE** will be on **Thursday** afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit in school.

**They will need: a plain white t-shirt , black shorts and trainers.** When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.

## English

This half term we will be enjoying the book *Skellig* by David Almond. The children will be studying this book in reading time as well as completing written work based on the novel. We will also be learning about character and writing character descriptions so that the reader can empathise with the character.

In RE we will be exploring the significance of Mary as Jesus' mother to Christians and focusing on the which parts of the nativity story are important and why.

## Maths

To start the second autumn term we will be looking at division and focusing on formal methods to help pupils select appropriate methods to enable them to be efficient. We will be challenging our mathematical brains by spending several weeks learning about fractions.

While studying these areas of maths, we will continue to focus on our arithmetic skills and continue to improve our rapid recall of multiplication and division facts.

## Science

Pupils will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood, recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function, describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

## Times tables

Across the school, children are working on improving their times tables and we would really appreciate your support at home too.

Please ask your child what table they are focusing on that week as it does change every week and give them some questions whilst on the bus or waiting in line at the supermarket.

## Geography

We will be learning all about the Earth's natural resources. As geographers we will consider how different resources help us produce energy, our use of renewable resources and how different products such as wood and steel are traded with other countries.