



# Y6 Newsletter



Autumn—2020

## **Welcome to Year 6!**

The teachers in year 6 are Miss Brady, Mrs Taylor & Mrs Putland and Mrs Smith & Mrs Mikulik. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Naylor, Mrs Hawley and Mrs East.

Once the Autumn term starts, we will initially focus on settling the children back into school life and getting them used to the rules and routines of the day. After a large chunk of time away, the children will understandably be a little rusty and there may be some gaps in their learning. In addition, we understand they may be feeling more anxious about the transition to a new year group than they normally would. Please don't worry, as we will get to know the children quickly and work hard to address any issues during this term.



## **P.E. Kit**

In year 6, we do outdoor P.E. every Friday afternoon so the children will need their P.E. kits on this day. As the weather turns cooler, we will still aim to go out so the children will require sensible footwear, tracksuit bottoms and a hoody/fleecy top.

## **Curriculum**

Our topic for the Autumn term is the "Ancient Maya Civilisation".

As historians, we will deepen our chronological understanding; note connections, contrasts and trends over time and use a range of sources as we study these fascinating people and their culture.

As artists, we'll make masks of Mayan Gods that are decorated with traditional patterns and intricate designs. We'll also make our own printing tiles which we'll use to create an interesting effect by overprinting.

As designers, we'll investigate which foods were important to the Mayans and create our own cocoa drinks which we'll then evaluate.



We'll also be studying science, computing, R.E., music, French and PSHE.

## **Robinwood**

We are hoping to visit the Robinwood centre in Todmorden for a two night, action-packed residential next Easter. Due to the pandemic, the centre has been closed since March. We will update you as soon as we hear anything.

## **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child wears correct school uniform at all times in order to help us maintain standards. Guidelines can be found in your child's home/school diary. Children are allowed to wear a watch and a single pair of stud earrings which must be removed for P.E. Please remind children that nail varnish and make-up must not be worn in school either and long hair must be tied back. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## **Home Learning**

Each Friday, the children will get two short pieces of home learning to complete and hand in the following Friday. If your child finds anything difficult, please let their class teacher know.

## **Home Time**

As year 6 progresses, most children begin to walk home by themselves in preparation for secondary school. If you wish for your child to do so, please inform your child's class teacher in writing. Children are permitted to bring mobile phones into school but must follow the rules which we'll share in September.

**We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable summer and look forward to meeting you in September.**

**Kind regards,**