

Year 6 Class Hub

Staff

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Chadwick

The teacher in Year 6 is Mrs Jackson.

Our Year 6 Teaching Assistant is Mrs Chadwick.

For maths, Mrs Jackson will teach Himalayas and Mrs Chadwick will teach Appalachians. For English, Mrs Jackson will teach Appalachians and Mrs Hamilton-Thorpe will teach Himalayas.

Our Classroom

Our classroom is situated at the top of the junior corridor. You will therefore enter and exit school at the same door as you did in Year 5. In Year 6, we spend the year working towards completing our SATs tests and preparing you for High School. Whilst we know these tests are an important part of our education, we want our pupils to be well-rounded, and believe that they should have access to wide range of knowledge and experiences. For this reason, we ensure that, where possible, the curriculum is covered using first-hand experiences, fieldwork and investigation.

We also ensure that hard-work is balanced with play, and make time to celebrate our achievements both before and after the assessment period.

What do I need to bring to school?

- Please bring a water bottle and your school reading book and record, every day. You may also bring a healthy snack for morning break.

- On PE days (Friday) you should have your PE kit in school, appropriate for the weather e.g. tracksuit pants in the winter, shorts in the summer. Hair must be tied back, no necklaces and earrings must be removed as per our earring policy. If children cannot remove earrings themselves, please do so in the morning before school on PE days. Thank you.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans are labelled with your child's name.
- Lunches – if children are on packed lunches, they will be kept in our year group dinner box which is taken to the dinner hall daily. If children are on school dinners, please remind them to choose their lunch via school grid.

Year 6 Homework

Reading

For reading, our expectation is that you read 5x per week, for a minimum of 20 minutes. Please can you write in your diary when you have read, and ask a parent or carer to sign before your planner is checked on a Friday.

We ask that reading is given the utmost priority, over other forms of homework, because the evidence suggests that this is the most effective task children can do outside school to support their progress. Not only does reading daily help to build stamina, it also exposes you to a variety of challenging vocabulary – both of these things certainly help in the reading paper, and life in general!

You may change your book any day of the week during register time, but please try to stick with a book until it is finished, so you get the benefit of reading the whole narrative and following the story.

We also encourage you to take regular trips to our local library in Clitheroe to select new titles for your reading – you don't just have to read your school book, although please do alternate, as this is purposely chosen to challenge you in an appropriate way.

Spellings

Every half term, children will receive a spelling grid, with weeks 1-6 on. Please follow these grids as per the correct week, learning the spelling rule, and not just the words, ready for your test on Fridays.

Other subjects

We do not give any formal homework for other subjects. This is because the evidence states that it has little impact on outcomes and we would much prefer children using their home time for fun, playing outdoors, visiting family and friends and hobbies. In Year 6, children are often exhausted by the time they get home! It is important that they take time to rest and recuperate, so that they are able to focus fully in school.

SATs Homework

Throughout the year, English and maths teachers may send home work that supplements their teaching in school. This often takes place at the end of a half term, going into a school holiday. Usually, this is done where a need has been identified, or the teacher would like children to consolidate what they

have been learning. When this happens, it is meant to support children's learning in school and act as a way of revising. If children are finding a concept difficult, we always put things in place in school to help them too.

Queries/Concerns

If you have any queries or anything else that you would like to communicate with us, then we very much have an open door policy. A member of staff will be on hand to speak with you on entry to school or after school when the children are being collected without an appointment. Please just catch us at the door.

If this is not possible due to work commitments, please arrange a telephone call via Mrs McManus in the school office on 01200 422239.

Alternatively, you can email her at bursar@edisford.lancs.sch.uk.