



## Year 6

### Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. I am delighted to return as the children's Year 6 teacher and support all of the children through their final year at primary school. I absolutely adored this class when I was their teacher in 2020, but then, of course, Covid struck!

This year, the children will be learning exciting new content, participating in a wide range of activities and fully prepare for the next chapter of their educational journey at high school.

Year 6 promises to be a very challenging, yet rewarding year. It's my intention that the children leave Greenlands with long-lasting, wonderful memories. Together, we will achieve the very best we can whilst learning happily!

Although I feel I know the children well having taught them previously, circumstances change and so if there is anything you think I should know before your child returns to school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lonsdale

### What do I need to know?

<b>Monday</b>	Reading book and diary	My new homework and spellings are sent home	I will bring home a library book today.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Reading book and diary	If I play the violin, my lesson is today	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reading book and diary	I have PE today with Team Theme	
<b>Thursday</b>	Reading book and diary	I have PE today with Team Theme	
<b>Friday</b>	Reading book and diary	My homework is due today.	I must return my library book today.

### Curriculum

Please have a look at the Year 6 curriculum map on the Year 6 class page for a full overview of what your child will be learning and when. Amongst other exciting activities, children will be creating and painting a piece of artwork in the style of Banksy, using computer software to design buildings like architects and wiring up circuits to create burglar alarms as part of our electricity unit.



### Homework

Homework and spellings are sent home every Monday and must be returned on or before the Friday. In addition to homework children bring home, they will be asked to also access TT Rockstars from home at least twice per week for 5 minutes. If homework is not returned on or before the Friday, then children will complete their homework during their own time.



### Spellings

Spelling is taught in class daily; however, children will also bring home the words that they are learning in class to practise at home. These sheets must be returned with their homework on or before the Friday. The number of words assessed will vary depending on your child's spelling focus. Your child will be assessed on these words every Friday.

## Reading

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading with your child. I ask that children in my class read at least four times a week for at least ten minutes. Even in their final year of primary school, children still love to read to their parents and benefit enormously. The children will benefit from an established reading routine and this routine will pay dividends when it comes to the increased workload at high school. Whenever your child has read at home, please sign their reading record and comment on their reading if appropriate.

### **Are there any incentives to encourage my child to read at home?**

I keep count of how many times your child reads and they will receive a certificate for each milestone that they meet. The first certificate is for 50 reads. The certificates will be given out during our Friday celebration assembly and a special post will be published to our website and school's Facebook page. If children do not manage to read four times before Friday, then they will catch up on their reading over lunchtime.

## Class Dojo



I am now the class teacher on the children's Dojo page so I can be contacted via this platform. Like the school's Facebook page, I will use Class Dojo to share news, photos and updates.

## Rewarding Behaviour



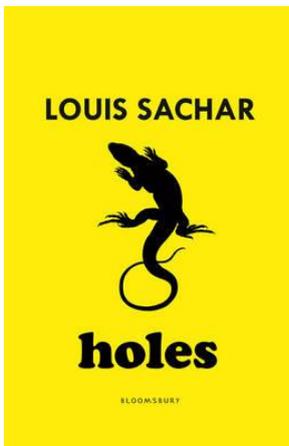
Children will be rewarded for following the rules that they will create on the first day of Year 6. Each Friday, two children will be chosen as my 'Stars of the Week' and will be awarded with a certificate during Friday's celebration assembly. In addition to this, children will be invited to choose a prize from my treasure chest!

## TT Rockstars

Children will continue accessing TT Rockstars from school to practise their fluency and speed when recalling times tables and associated division facts. Please remember to continue accessing this at home. This knowledge will be invaluable come the SATs! We have an interactive league table in class where children are able to move their character according to their speed and accuracy.



## Class Story



Our class book, which we will read every day, is Holes by Louie Sachar. The captivating story centres on Stanley Yelnats who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention centre in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft.