



Year 6

2023 - 2024

Year 6 Oak:  
Mr K Duker

Year 6 Chestnut:  
Mr S McCann

Year 6 LSA:  
Ms B Sayers



All the children have settled very well into Year 6.

We have started the full curriculum and have so far been impressed with our children's dedication to their learning.



# Punctuality

- Main playground gate opens at **8:40am** and children are expected to be lined up by **8:50am**
- End of day pick up time is at **3.30pm** from the main playground.
- We are starting to get the information regarding children walking home - thank you. If you have chosen not to allow your child to walk home at the moment but you change your mind, please just send a letter to the office informing them of any new arrangement.





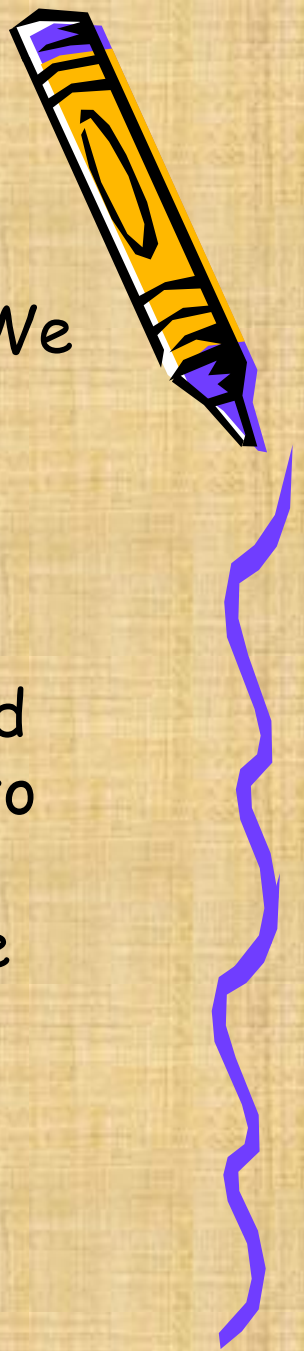
# Mobile phones

- Some children are bringing in their mobile phones so they have it when they are walking home.
- This is fine however it is important the **Mobile Phone Parental Consent Form** is filled in. This form can be found online or from the school office.
- Mobile phones are dropped into the office when your child arrives and collected at 3:30pm. **They do not stay in bags.**



# Communication

- Best form of communication is by email. We aim to respond to parents emails at our earliest convenience.
- We are available to chat in the playground about minor issues, however it is better to communicate with us via email through [admin@princessfrederica.com](mailto:admin@princessfrederica.com) or a phone call.



# Lines of communication

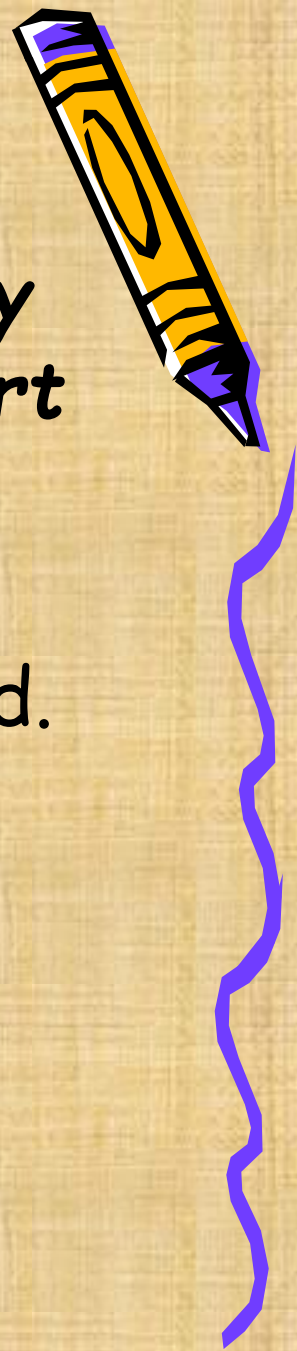
- Our line of communication as a school is as follows:
- Class teacher
- Head of School - Ms Christopher
- Executive Head Teacher - Ms Bouette



# P.E. Kit

- Your child needs black *shorts or grey tracksuit bottoms* and a *plain T-shirt* (which should be the same colour as their house group) for PE sessions.
- *Plimsolls or trainers* are also required.
- Children are to wear their PE kits to school on their respective PE days.

• PE days for Y6: Tuesdays and Thursdays





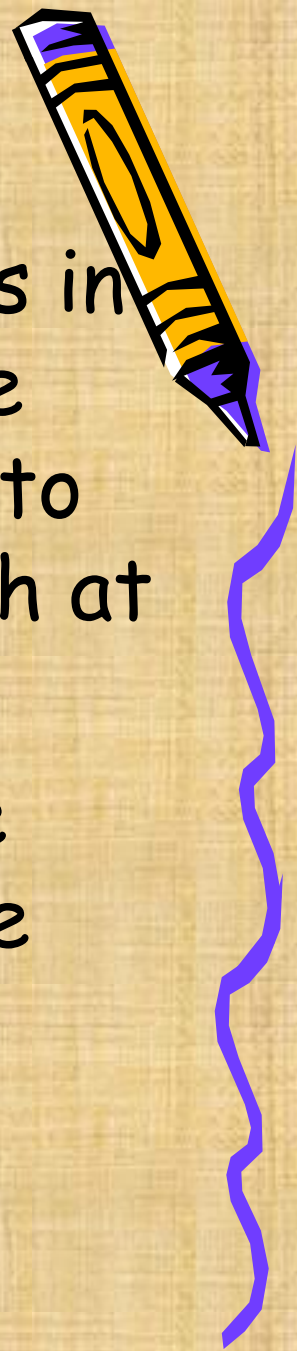
# Mathletics Homework

- Mathletics homework commences every week unless otherwise stated.
- Activities set will mostly be linked to Maths topics being studied in class.
- **Set date** - every Friday
- **Hand-in date** - the following Friday
- When we move into Spring term further information will be relayed regarding SATs revision books.



# Spellings

- A new system of teaching spelling is in place currently Children will receive weekly spelling words evry Monday to practiced throughout the week both at home and in class.
- Weekly tests are no required as we graduate towards ensuring accurate spellings in context.



# Spellings

- It is important for children to understand the meanings of these words in order to be able to use them in the right context.





# Homework Project



## Year 6 Homework Project - Autumn 1

This half term's homework project is based upon our art topic where one of the artists we study is Patrick Heron. Patrick Heron is an abstract artist who is inspired by natural landscapes. He uses mediums such as sketching and painting to create his artwork.



### Tasks

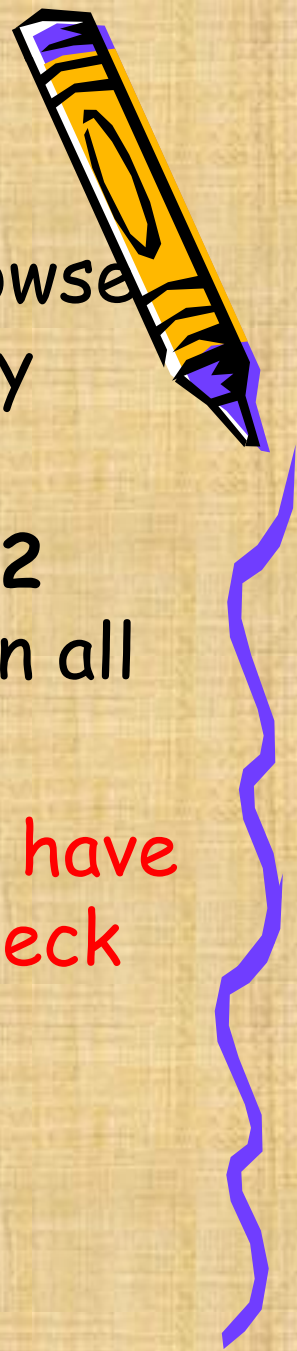
- 1) Research the topic of abstract art looking at the different artists.
- 2) Choose one artist, look at their work and pick your favourite piece of art.
- 3) Using the artwork as inspiration create your own piece of art. This can be made using any medium (paint, collage, felt tips, colouring pencils etc) and would ideally be on A3 paper.
- 4) Write a short biography of the artist you have chosen to accompany your piece of artwork. This should include their background, what kind of artist they are, what inspires them and any other interesting facts you find out.

- First project has already been sent out and is due on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Homework projects will run until Spring 2 when SATs revision becomes the focus.



# Library - Mondays

- Children will have the opportunity to browse and borrow books from our school library **once a week.**
- Children will be able to borrow **at least 2 books** per visit provided that they return all outstanding loaned books.
- Quick reminder, if you have siblings who have just left the school could they please check for any outstanding library books.



# Reading

- Children hugely benefit from reading to an adult. Our expectation is that this happens at least once a week at home.
- Children will be provided with colour banded or levelled books to bring home. These bands correlate to our assessment procedure and it is important your child reads these as they are at the correct level. These must stay in bags at all times unless being taken out to be read at home.
- Once completed, children must return these books in exchange for new ones.



# Reading Records



- Please ensure your child's reading record is brought in daily to be checked by class teachers.
- Children are expected to record their reading at least 4 times a week but we would encourage every day. Please also encourage your child to write a one sentence summary of what they read in the comments section.



Reading records will be checked:  
**Every Monday.**



# SATs

- maths, reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) assessed with papers during SATs week
- writing is assessed throughout the year with portfolio of work
- no pressure from the school other than an expectation to do the absolute best.
- Provisional dates: **Monday 13th May 2024 - Thursday 16th May 2024.**





# KIRFs



- Key instant recall facts that children should know in each half term in Year 6.
- They have been uploaded to the school website and are in the maths section.
- You should have also received a paper copy from your child.
- First half term is regarding Times Tables and we encourage parents to go through them with their child.



## I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to $12 \times 12$ .

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

Please see separate sheet for all times table facts.

This is a chance for Year 6 children to consolidate their knowledge of multiplication and division facts and to increase their speed of recall.

### Key Vocabulary

What is 12 **multiplied by** 6?

What is 7 **times** 8?

What is 84 **divided by** 7?

They should be able to answer these questions in any order, including missing number questions e.g.  $7 \times \bigcirc = 28$  or  $\bigcirc \div 6 = 7$ .

Children who have already mastered their times tables should apply this knowledge to answer questions including decimals e.g.  $0.7 \times \bigcirc = 4.2$  or  $\bigcirc \div 60 = 0.7$

### Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact family of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

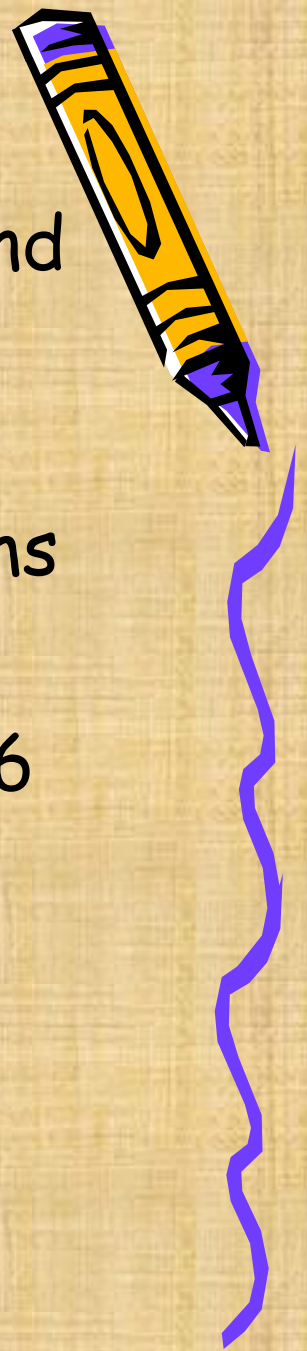
Speed Challenge – Take two packs of playing cards and remove the kings. Turn over two cards and ask your child to multiply the numbers together (Ace = 1, Jack = 11, Queen = 12). How many questions can they answer correctly in 2 minutes? Practise regularly and see if they can beat their high score.

Online games – There are many games online which can help children practise their multiplication and division facts. [www.conkermaths.org](http://www.conkermaths.org) is a good place to start.

Use memory tricks – For those hard-to-remember facts, [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) has some strange picture stories to help children remember.

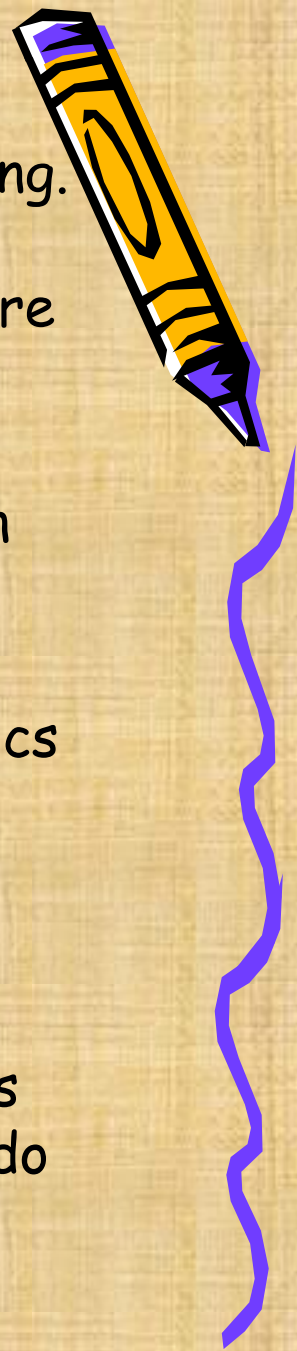
# Current topics

- **English** - *The Boy in the Girls' bathroom* and *Orphans of the Tide* by Struan Murray
- **Maths** - Place Value, four operations
- **Science** - Classification of Living Organisms
- **History** - The Benin Empire
- **Geography** - Local area study - Mapping - 6 figure grid references
- **RE** - How the Christian Message has survived for over 2000 years
- **Computing** - Online Safety



# Things parents can do at home

- Use the KIRFs to support maths understanding. If your child still does not know their timetables please practice with them. They are crucial to access the learning this year.
- Use knowledge organisers to pre-teach foundation topics so your child already has an understanding at the beginning of a topic.
- Explore the opportunity to take your child on trips at the weekend which relate to the topics we are studying and/or look at books around these topics.
- Make sure your child is reading daily and is completing their weekly homework. It is important to ask them to show them that it is completed as sometimes the children do not do all of it.
- Engage with their homework projects making sure the children take pride in them.





# Things to look forward to in year 6

- extra responsibilities - head girl/boy, house captains, monitors
- Class assemblies
- end-of-year production
- end-of-year graduation and assembly





# Important dates for your diary



## Meet the teacher meetings:

- Wednesday 27th September at 9am - Secondary transfer meeting

## Class Assemblies:

- Friday 3rd November 10:00am - 6 Oak
- Friday 10th November 10:00am - 6 Chestnut



# Important dates for your diary



## Local trips:

- Horniman Museum and Gardens to support our learning of The Benin Empire (Monday 16th October 2023.)
- We are looking for **1 parent volunteer per class** for this trip. Please let us know if you could help.
- Half term begins on Friday 20th October at 3:30pm and we return on Monday 30th October.



# Important dates for your diary



## Autumn 2

**Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December at 1:30pm**

- Parent consultation meetings will take place during the week of **20th November**
- **Thursday 21st December - Christmas church service at St Martin's 10am**
- Y6 Brent citizenship workshop morning (**Friday 17th November 2023**)





# Residential trip



Adventure Plus based in Clanfield in Oxfordshire - a brand new residential trip for Princess Frederica - more information to follow in Meet the Teacher meeting **(Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July 2024)**

Both Mr Duker and Mr McCann have agreed to lead the trip.

Approx. cost £237 (if all children are going)





8th July – 12th July 2024



# About the Centre

- Founded in 1990 by Jon and Tessa Cox
- Now based at Windmill Farm in Clanfield, West Oxfordshire, Adventure Plus is actively engaged in creating the Adventure Base, a unique outdoor facility with 'indoor camping' in our 'Cosy Timber Yurt Village'.



# About the Centre

In addition to our 'Cosy Timber Yurt Village' we have a fabulous range of adventure and educational facilities on our 80-acre site:

- Urban Adventure Zone: Skate Park, BMX Zone & Parkour arena
- Woodland bush-craft zones
- Mountain bike skills area, on-site trails and off-site routes
- Full-sized pitches for multi-use sports activities
- Indoor and outdoor climbing wall, with aerial runways
- High & low ropes courses and initiative challenges
- Mountain boarding hill with underground caving maze
- All-weather archery ranges
- 4-acre 'Adventure Lake' with bridge building, camping islands & multi-boat seal launch
- Inland artificial Coasteering facility





# The Site Tour





# A typical day

- 8.00-9am
- 9.30-12.45pm
- 1.00-2.00pm
- 2.15 -5.30pm
- 6.00pm
- 7-8.30pm
- 9.00pm

Breakfast

Morning Activity

Lunch

Afternoon Activity

Dinner

Evening Activities

Bedtime



# Other possible activities

- Circus skills
- Canoeing
- Archery
- Fencing
- Bushcraft
- Slacklining
- Night hike
- Bonfire





# Educational & Fun



# Food and Health & Safety of Adventure +



## Food

All food prepared on site by a qualified experienced chef

Follow Healthy Eating Guidelines

Can cater for children with allergies

## Health & Safety

All staff are CRB checked

First Aid Qualified

Carry a First Aid Kit with us on all activities

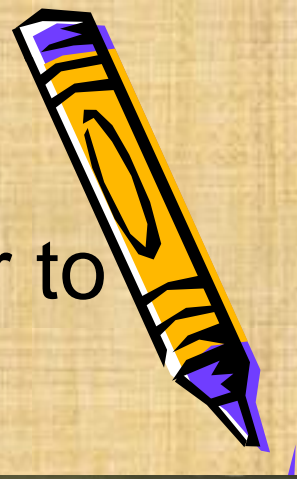
Local doctors & hospital close by





# 8th July – 12th July 2024

A deposit of **£50** will be required in order to secure your child's place.



Any questions?

Thanks for coming.

