

YEAR 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at Galliard. We hope this year is an enjoyable and successful one for all children in Year 6.

The teachers working in Year 6 are:

6K – Ms Kaur

6LG – Mr Lanyon-Gore

6B – Miss Boles

Ms Carrington

HLTA: Ms Valentine

Teaching assistants: Mr Fahad, Ms Hussain

Assistant Head: Ms Kadem

English

We follow the National Curriculum for English. The children will continue to develop and apply their comprehension skills when reading. During reading lessons, they will focus on improving: clarifying, summarising, predicting, making connections, inference, questioning and evaluating skills as well as improving their test techniques. During writing lessons, will gain experience in writing in different genres such as: personification poetry, description, narrative, non-chronological report and journalistic writing as well as improving their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. We will be using texts we are reading to help feed into our writing tasks.

Maths

We follow the National Curriculum for Mathematics that covers a range of mathematical skills. There is a strong emphasis this term on understanding number (reading, writing and using numbers to 10 million in numerals and words). We will also extend children's addition, subtraction multiplication and division formal calculation skills. Children will have experience in linking fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will develop their skills in problem solving, reasoning and explanation.

Science

During Science lessons this term, children will be learning about classifying and using keys to identify living things such as plants and animals and finding out about the work of scientist Carl Linnaeus. They will also learn about organs and the circulatory system in Humans and will consider the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

RE

Enfield have reworked how RE is taught in the borough so we will be exploring the subject of RE in a slightly different way. This term we will be looking at two big questions from the perspective of a variety of religions and also non-religious people: 'Why do some people believe God exists?', 'What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa?' and 'What do religions say when life gets hard'.

Computing

Throughout the term, the children will be developing their knowledge of computing systems and networks and how to use search engines effectively. They will also learn how to digitally manipulate 2D and 3D shapes, leading to planning and making their own 3D shape. They will also extend their understanding of e-safety.

Music

In music, we are exploring rap music and we will be working on writing our own lyrics over given beats. We will also be learning about the music of four pioneering British female musicians - Shiva Feshareki, Eska Mtungwazi, Afrodeutsche and Anna Meredith.

History

This term, the children will be learning about World War II with a focus on life on the home-front. We will also look at significant people who were alive during this time period such as Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and Anne Frank. We will be linking this work with our writing lessons.

Geography

In Geography, we are studying South America and will be looking at how the physical geography affects the lives of the people who live there.

Art

This term the children will be exploring different drawing techniques. They will be using a WW2 painting for inspiration and will create a final piece of artwork using different tones and shades.

MFL

The children will be developing their knowledge and use of French by learning to talk about their likes and dislikes and name items of clothing.

Homework

Homework is an important part of learning as it consolidates what has been taught in class. All children are expected to complete their homework. If your child is finding any task difficult, please make the class teacher aware. Homework tasks will consist of:

MyMaths: Children will receive weekly maths homework via MyMaths, with clear return dates.

Reading: Children are expected to read at home every day and record in their Reading Diary, which will be checked weekly in school. We follow the Accelerated Reader programme, where children read books at their ability level and complete an online quiz in school once finished.

Times Tables: All Year 6 children should know their times tables and division facts off by heart. Regular practice is essential to build rapid recall. Children have personal logins for Times Table RockStars, which they can use to improve their speed and accuracy.

Attendance and Term Time Absence

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day. Gates open at 8.45am, and the register is taken promptly at 8.55am. Being present at the start of each lesson is essential for learning. The Government expects children to maintain 96% attendance. Lengthy absences are not acceptable due to their impact on education. Requests for absence in exceptional circumstances should be made at the school office **before** making travel arrangements and will be reviewed individually. Evidence may be required to support the request.

Uniform and P.E

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have sent their children to school in full school uniform. A few reminders: footwear should be either plain black shoes or trainers and the only jewellery which children are allowed to wear are a small watch and stud earrings in pierced ears for safety reasons.

Children in Year 6 have two lessons per week. The focus this term is OAA and gymnastics led by the class teacher and Net/Wall and Invasion Games will be taught by Coach JP.

All children are required to wear appropriate PE kits. – navy or black **plain** shorts or tracksuit bottoms and house coloured t-shirts. No football tops or logo sportswear should be worn.

PE kits should be worn to school on for the following days in each class:

6B – Wednesdays & Thursdays

6K - Wednesdays and Thursdays

6LG - Tuesdays & Thursdays

IMPORTANT DATES

Secondary Transfer - TBC

- Contact the school office if you need support with your application.
- The closing date for online Secondary Transfer Applications is **Friday 31st October 2025**.

Parents' Evenings – Autumn Term:

The dates for this term are:

- **Wednesday 15th October:** 3.30 – 7.30 p.m.
- **Thursday 16th October:** 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

The parents' consultations will be held in school and are a chance for you to hear about how your child has settled into class.

School Closures (Autumn Term):

- **Half Term:** Monday 27th October - Friday 1st November 2024

Last Day of Term:

Friday 19th December 2024 – **School ends at 2pm**

Any questions or queries about anything mentioned in this letter please make an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support and we really look forward to an exciting year of learning.

The Year 6 Team