

**Year 6**  
**Autumn Term 2009**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very warm welcome back after the summer holiday. We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing time.

This year the children will be experiencing a more cross curricular education where they will be learning many different skills within a broad range of subjects. Our theme this term is rivers and we will be linking this to our visit to Grafham, Literacy and our foundation topics. Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children this term.



In **Literacy** this term children will be developing their skills in writing, focusing on explanation texts, journalistic writing, poetry, writing mystery stories and narrative texts. They will be analysing texts, improving sentence structure and punctuation, thinking about the audience when writing, making appropriate vocabulary choices to engage the reader and developing editing and improving skills.

In **Maths**, children will be focusing on: multiplication and division, place value, mental calculations strategies, pencil and paper procedures, fractions, decimals and percentages, properties of numbers, ratio and proportion and sequences. In shape, space and measures we will cover: 2D and 3D shapes, perimeter, area and measures problems. In data handling we will be interpreting line graphs, frequency tables and charts. As part of these topics children will be developing their calculation skills, estimating and checking answers, as well as improving problem solving skills and the ability to apply their knowledge in a range of contexts.



In **Science** we will be studying forces and friction as well as interdependence and adaptation. Children will develop their investigative and analytical skills in practical work, as well as identifying reasons for trends in collected data. They will also improve their ability to explain scientific phenomena using the correct technical vocabulary.



In **ICT** children will develop their skills through other areas of the curriculum. We will be using multimedia software to create moving images from filmstrips and using PowerPoint to illustrate the journey of a river.



**RE - Judaism** - we will be understanding the key features of Jewish worship and the importance of the Synagogue to the Jewish community.

**Geography - Rivers:** we will be studying the journey of a river and identifying and explaining the changes that occur along its course. We will be identifying the uses of the river and drawing and annotating maps and aerial pictures. During this topic we will visit the river Cam at Milton, drawing sketches and taking photographs to support our learning. We will inform you of the exact date closer to the time.

**PE** - Games - sending and receiving a ball and attacking/defending a zone; creating small-sided games to practise skills. Dance - 'journey of a river' - responding to music/body control/cannoning and synchronisation/unison  
**Art** - People in Motion - we will be looking at how to create movement in drawings and 3D models.

**PSHCE** - New Beginnings - we will be looking at teamwork skills, feelings and challenges.

**Homework** will continue to be given on Thursdays and should be returned the following Tuesday. Our 'termly challenge' will also be set before half term which will be linked to our Geography topic on Rivers.

**PE** takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please could all children bring appropriate indoor and outdoor PE kits on both days as circumstances and weather conditions may dictate where PE lessons take place.

Mrs Keller, Mr Fraser and Miss Phillips will be teaching all the children in Year 6 at various times throughout the week. In addition working with the children Year 6 will be Mrs Ballard, Mrs Wright, Mrs Dhese and Miss Steele. French and Music will be taught by Monsieur Hicks and Miss Moulton.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September we will be off to Grafham Water. Attending Grafham with the children will be Mr Fraser, Miss Phillips, Mrs Keller, Mr Keller, Miss Kitson along with other adults from school. Grafham Waters website is [www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk](http://www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk).

Parent helpers would be appreciated for our various trips and other activities in and around the local area, please speak to one of us if this is something that you could help us with.

We are holding a Year 6 Information evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3:45 where information relating to Year 6 and secondary transition will be shared. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to this meeting.

We would also like to pass on the following message from Cambridge Community Church:

**Calling all Year 6's.....**  
**Come and join us for Christian Lunch Club!**

We meet every Tuesday from 12.30-1.30 in the group room for informal games, chat and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome and we would really love to see you! Why not come along to our first session on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September for the big welcome! See you there!

Useful websites to support your child in their learning are:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>

<http://nrich.maths.org/public/>



We appreciate your continued support and encouragement during this busy term.  
Best wishes,

J. Fraser   L. Keller   C Phillips