

# Maidenhall Primary School

## Year 6 Curriculum Letter

### September 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and that all of our children have come back raring to go and ready to learn. As you know, a big focus of Year 6 will be the SATs at the end of the year and we will be doing a lot of practise and revision between now and May. It is important that children revise at home as well, to ensure that they achieve to the best of their ability. You will find that children receive more homework this year, and it is incredibly important that they complete each piece as best they can and come to talk to us if they are struggling. We understand that Year 6 can be quite stressful for children and we encourage you to simply come and talk to us if you have any concerns or questions.

#### Year 6 team

We would like to introduce the Year 6 teaching team for this academic year:

Meerkats- Mrs Mirza (Year Leader) and Miss Norris (trainee teacher)

Armadillos – Miss Robbins

Gecko- Mrs Sekhon

Camel- Mr Boardman



All staff hugely value parental involvement and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or, for a brief question, speak to them at the end of the day.

#### SATS

The Statutory Assessment Tests will be next year May 2019, and the children will prepare for them by working hard and revising. The tests focus on Maths, Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Writing is teacher assessed. You will receive more information on the tests themselves and guidance on how to help your child achieve the best results that they can.

#### Secondary Transfer

This term you and your child will have to consider which secondary schools to apply for. There will be a meeting here at school to help parents with applications to secondary schools. We will notify you with the details of this meeting in due course.

#### Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their autumn uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with.



I would like to remind you of the school policy during the winter months: grey trousers/ skirt, white shirt / T Shirt, red school jumper or cardigan and black, sensible shoes.

### PE Kit

Children will need: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and plimsolls for indoor, and a plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions.

Earrings and watches, as always, **must** be removed for P.E. lessons on grounds of Health and Safety. Long hair, for the same reason, must be tied back.

PE lessons for the whole of Year 6 will be on a Friday. Please ensure children have their full PE kit (including outdoor wear) each week.



**Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.**

### Supporting Your Child At Home

We ask that you support us in our aim to allow all children to reach their full potential. In order to do this, we ask for you to help your child with their learning at home. Reading is key to all we do in school so support with reading at home is invaluable and greatly appreciated. The children are expected to read at home every day, the focus being not just on their ability to understand a text, but also on their inference skills.

We also ask that you help your child to learn their times tables and key spelling words at home.



To make good progress in year 6, it is recommended that children read every day at home, learn their times tables and work on their spellings. Please try to encourage your child to do this daily and spend at least 30 minutes a day completing these activities. In addition to this, children will also be receiving CGP books in order to practise what they have covered in the lessons. Please ensure these are completed and returned to school on time. Homework will be given out every **Friday** and needs to be returned the following **Monday**.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, please ensure that your child is present and on time each morning (classes open at 08:40 and registration is at 08:50) as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year. Your child's attendance report will also be sent to their secondary school this year.

We look forward to working with you this year and thank you again for your support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mirza  
Year 6 Leader



### English

This half term the children will be focussing on the text 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. We will be looking at a range of genres including narrative and recounts. The children will also be taught grammar skills which they can apply and show within their writing.

#### How to help your child at home:

- Read regularly with your child, asking questions on the text
- Practise spellings and the spelling rules.

### Computing

Children will explore different types of apps and gain more confidence in using a variety of programs for individual purposes

### Geography

Year 6 will use a key to identify features and geographical vocabulary on a map. They will have the opportunity to explore different time zones in different area. Children will research different islands to explore settlement, land use, trade, natural resources, climate and vegetation belts.

### Art & DT

Children will understand seasonality, growth and processing of salad. They will have the opportunity to try new foods and understand making food appealing with colour and texture. Also they will design, make and evaluate a salad.

### Maths

- Numbers and the number system
- Place value
- Ordering and sequencing
- Written methods for addition and subtraction
- Applying skills within problems.
- Fractions

#### How to help your child at home:

- Help your child to learn all of their times tables.

### Science

Children will revise important food groups and what they do for our bodies and minds. They will also learn how the circulatory system works and investigate what happens to the heart when you exercise.

#### How to help your child at home:

Research the effects of tobacco, drugs and alcohol on the body

**RE-** In R.E the children will be taught the unit, 'what will help to make our town a more respectful place?'

**FRENCH-** The children will be learning to pronounce and discuss French words. Through role-play, children will explore the language and learn more about France.

### PE

In P.E. children will learn to improve their agility, balance and co-ordination. They will play competitive games and apply different principles in hockey, handball and rugby.

### Music

Children in Year 6 will take part in singing assemblies to assist in end of year production.

### PSHE/Circle Time

Children will explore their feelings associated with our monthly school value (courage) through circle time and appropriate games.

