

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 3!

Welcome back to Rivers! We are so excited to get the ball rolling on this significant year for our pupils entering year 6.

We would firstly like to thank you all for ensuring great communication through ClassDojo. Going forward, this will be used to communicate any key messages and will also be the preferred method of communication should you wish to discuss any matters with the Year 6 team. If you have not been set up on ClassDojo then make sure you share your email address with the school office so this can be arranged for you.

This half term, we have many exciting things planned! We will be kick-starting the year with our Ancient Egypt theme where we will uncover hidden treasures of this exceptional period in history. Alongside this, we will be starting the year with our first Whole Class Reading text 'Boy' by Roald Dahl.

Planners

This year's planners have been updated. Inside, you'll find lots of useful information, including

knowledge organisers to support children in knowing more and remembering more. There are also times tables grids, spellings and a variety of curriculum support which we will use in class daily so please ensure your child brings it to school with them every day. We expect planners to be looked after, updated daily by pupils, signed by an adult at home and for homework tasks to be ticked off once completed.

Homework

Homework for all Year 6 pupils will be set using Google Classroom, IXL, TTRS and EdShed. More information about the weekly tasks, and the expectations of homework in Year 6, can be found in the front of the school planners alongside each week's reading and homework double page set-up. It is important that pupils complete all of their homework tasks each week in order to support their learning and to prepare them for secondary school.

Depending on the type of activity set, support sheets may sometimes be available for pupils to access on Google Classroom should they need additional support. Details for accessing both ClassDojo and Google Classroom can be found in the planners.

Reading

#Riversreads As a school, reading is the underlying heartbeat, consistently supporting, comforting and enabling our pupils to be inspired to aspire.

We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader in school. Through this, pupils will be given an individual bookmark which indicates the range of books they should be accessing from our wonderful library. This range is appropriately matched to their reading age and encourages pupils to stretch and challenge themselves. Pupils choose their own home reading book from our library which will be correctly matched to support their fluency and comprehension. **Our expectation is that all pupils complete a daily minimum of 10 minutes of reading - the more they read, the better!**

Within the planners, the recording of reading for pupils in Year 6 has continued as it was in Year 5: Pupils are expected to respond each day in their planners about their home reading to a given question or prompt. Once completed by the child, a parent/carer will need to sign next to their comment in order to verify the completed daily read.

As you are probably familiar with by now, once pupils have completed reading their book they will access an online Accelerated Reader quiz which will support their reading progress and also keep a total of how many words a child has read. If a pupil manages to read a whopping one million words, they will join the 'Millionaire's Club'! How many millionaires can we have in Year 6 this year?

PE

Y6 PE days will be **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

On these days only, please send your child to school wearing their school PE kit:

T-Shirt - Rivers branded black t-shirt

Shorts - Black

Pumps or Trainers (black) for outdoor use - not school uniform footwear

A dark coloured tracksuit (for colder weather)

School jumper or hoodie (for colder weather)

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name just in case they go missing - it will help us to try and reunite them!