



Year 6 Autumn Term 2025



Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and are feeling recharged and ready for another exciting year!

We have a very busy term ahead of us in Year 6 and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. Our topic this term is 'A Tale to Tell' We will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and comparing their way of living and the geography of Greece with what we are used to in our lives.

Our class reading book is *Who Let the Gods Out?* by Maz Evans which is an exciting adventure / mystery book with plenty of humour added in too. We will be doing lots of work around this book in class and taking inspiration from it for lots of our extended writes. This year we will be working really hard on our reading. We have time in school every day to work on this, but extra time spent at home can be so valuable for helping your children make progress – just 10 minutes of reading a day can make a huge difference.

This year, Mrs Roddam will be teaching the class on a Tuesday afternoon.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you this year :)

Mr Grant.

Our PE lessons this term will take place on a **Friday** morning. This year, we are asking all children to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day. Children without a PE kit will not be able to take part so please make sure you wear your full school PE Kit (red T Shirt, black or blue shorts, plimsolls/trainers) on **Friday**.

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Hand in homework

Thursday:

Friday: New homework is sent home / PE Day

You need your reading book and water bottle in school **every day**.

Homework

Homework will be sent home every Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. Homework tasks will be based on work we complete in class. It is really important that you try your best when completing all homework tasks and use the methods and strategies we use in class. PLEASE ASK before the hand-in date if you need help with any of the homework tasks you receive.

Remember to read for at least 10 minutes every day. It is also really important to spend as much time as possible discussing the text with an adult to develop your understanding of the texts you have read.

Reading books should be brought to and from school so you have as many opportunities to read as possible. Remember, you can access Reading Plus at home too. Any time you read at home and get your reading together book signed by an adult, you will get a Dojo :)

Make sure you know the x and ÷ facts for all tables up to 12 x 12. These facts will be tested regularly this term. Please use TTRS as often as possible – can you get to the top of our class leader board?

It is really important that you keep practicing the spelling patterns that are sent home and work on the spelling word lists each week. Spelling words accurately will help to improve your independent writing. Try to use Spelling Shed each week too.

Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Our Autumn Term topic is 'A Tale to Tell'

Maths: We will be developing our understanding of place value through ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers. We will be completing and extending number sequences, finding number bonds and doubling and halving numbers accurately. We will be developing our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and we will use these to solve 'real life' problems involving money and measures. It is really important that you know all of the x and ÷ facts up to 12 x 12 by heart as these facts will be tested regularly and they will help you to answer questions across the maths curriculum.

English: We will be writing diary entries, newspaper reports and descriptive passages based on our class novel – *Who Let the Gods Out?*. We will also be reading and writing instructions to help us with our DT work. We will continue to work on our spelling and we will continue to improve our handwriting, making sure that all of our letters are formed properly and that our work is always presented neatly as this is important for the English Curriculum assessments. We will be working on punctuation and grammar every day to improve the accuracy of our writing. We will also be working hard on reading comprehension skills to develop our understanding of the texts we read.

Science: We will be exploring *Animals Including Humans* this term to discover more about the circulatory system and how people and animals change as they progress through their life cycle.

History and Geography: Our history work will be focused around the Ancient Greeks as we discover about daily life in this time period and compare the city states of Athens and Sparta. We will also be comparing the human and physical geography of modern-day Greece with that of the UK.

Computing: We will use our Computing skills across the curriculum, building upon the techniques we learned further down school to refine the work we produce on the laptops, PCs and iPads. We will also be learning how to record information in databases and using search tools to narrow down our selections.

Religious Education: We will start this term by exploring the question 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' before moving onto the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' before Christmas.

P.E.: We will be working on our gymnastic skills in the first half-term and then our invasion game skills before Christmas.

Music: Our musical learning this term will be delivered by the Durham Music Service and we will have opportunities to develop our understanding of rhythm and beat as well as chances to play a variety of instruments.

Art and DT: This term in art, we will be exploring and developing our own drawing techniques to imitate the work of Pablo Picasso in a group portrait. Our DT will involve investigating how levers and pulleys work to create our own mechanical system.

PSHCE: This first half term will be all about looking after ourselves. We will discuss what this means and how we can keep ourselves (and people around us) safe.