

Y6 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome back to Dobcroft Junior School!

We are excited to be teaching your child in their final year at the Junior School. Year 6 is a year group with a wide variety of exciting and challenging learning. Each term, you will receive a newsletter with key information and dates about what is happening that term. If you have any further questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Miss Pratt

Mr Wassell

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Bayles

Y6 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y6P	Miss Pratt	Miss Jabbar
Y6W	Mr Wassell	Ms Stephenson Miss Vintin Miss Francis
Y6KB	Mrs Kemp (Mon & Tues) Mrs Bayles (Wed – Fri)	Ms Stephenson Mrs Burton Miss Jabbar

Autumn Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 6 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Autumn 1

English	Character and setting description and internal monologue inspired by the short film 'Ruin'.
Whole Class Reading	100 Scientists who changed history (non-fiction) Goodnight Mr Tom (fiction)
Maths	Place Value, four operations
Times tables focus	All times tables facts (weekly 2 minute test)
Science	Animals including humans
History	WW2
Art	Painting (WW2 with acrylics)
Computing	Communicating text and media
Personal Development	Stereotypes and acceptance, sexism
Online safety	Social Media and Bullying
Music	Elements of music Major/minor key
RE	Beliefs in action
PE – Games	Ball skills - handball
PE – gymnastics	Matching and mirroring

Autumn 2

English	Persuasive writing inspired by the book 'Can we Save the Tiger?'
Whole Class Reading	100 Scientists who changed history (non-fiction) Goodnight Mr Tom (fiction)
Maths	Fractions (including decimals and percentages)
Times tables focus	All times tables facts (weekly 2 minute test)
Science	Light
Geography	Planet Earth's major lines
DT	Working With Ingredients
Computing	Communicating Media
Personal Development	Prejudice
Online safety	Fake news, Echo chambers
Music	Rhythms
RE	Beliefs in action
PE – Games	Target Games
PE – gymnastics	Counter Balance

Assessments this term: We will be carrying out our first assessments the week commencing 23rd September. This is our first opportunity to review knowledge and how we can progress during Year 6. It is a chance for teachers to assess and review their planning based on what the children need.

Y6 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
WB 23 rd September	Assessment week 1
3 rd October	School photos
22 nd and 23 rd October	Parents' evenings
25 th October	Dress Down Day
WB 2 nd December	Assessment week 2
December – date TBC	Christmas Party
20 th December	Dress Down Day

PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternate Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

During this time, your child will be taught French, Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Miss McCready – French

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

Home Learning

This year, your child will receive their home learning on Fridays. This will be due back the following Wednesday so that your teacher can record and give out lots of Dojo Points!

Children will also bring home 10 spellings to learn each week. They will be tested on the following Wednesday. The spellings are also available on Spelling Shed. Your child has a log in for this website.

Home Learning will be set online on your Class Dojo story.

P.E

Class	Days
Y6KB	Mondays and Fridays
Y6P	Wednesdays and Fridays
Y6W	Wednesdays and Fridays

Secondary Ready

As it is their final year, we want to make the children 'Secondary ready' so please help us to do this by putting the emphasis on the children to ensure they have the correct items for their school day (for example, homework and PE kits).

Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities:

All three classes will would appreciate some volunteers to come on our trip to Crucial Crew on Monday 20th January. It will be a full day's trip. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with all of the required information.

We know many of our children love to read and we want to encourage the habit of reading for pleasure as a lifetime hobby. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Follow the link which details recommended reads for Y6 aged children.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6/>