



# Welcome to Year 6

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 6 timetable and routines and other information specific to Year 6. Your child will need your support to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September, so please read this booklet together.

## Teaching Staff

If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 6 Teachers:

**Miss Polotnianska and Mr Heritage.**

We are also very lucky to have the following teaching assistants in UKS2 who will also work alongside your children and will be happy to help with any questions you may have:

**Miss Throp, and Mrs Lenagan.**

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

## Routine



School start - 8:45am  
Morning break is 10.50am – 11:05am  
Lunchtime is from 12:15pm – 1:00pm  
School finish – 3.15pm



## Dress Code

A reminder that only a watch and stud earrings may be worn for school (these should be removed for PE). We also ask that all children come to school wearing school shoes. Please ensure that all your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied up in a bobble.

## Holidays in Term Time

It is important to make every school day count. We can authorise absence for some circumstances, but we cannot authorise absence for holidays. A form (which can be found on our website or in the entrance hall) needs to be completed for any requests. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school. Unauthorised absences could result in fines being issued.

## Communication

If your child is unable to come to school please call the school office and leave a message. If your child is not in school and we do not receive a call/message our Welfare Officer will call you to find out if your child is safe.



Our school newsletter is sent weekly and it is important that all families read about any important dates, notices and other information. Each year group also has a Twitter account and this is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class. Our Twitter account is @OldEarthYear6. You may also want to follow our school Twitter feed which is @OldEarthSchool.

## Parental Involvement



We are always looking for extra help, so if you have any time available to help in school, your support would be much appreciated! We promise to explain any tasks to you beforehand so that you can enjoy your volunteering and be of maximum benefit to the children.

# Homework

In Year 6 all homework set supports the learning taking place in class. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time as late homework will not be marked. Homework will often be set on Purple Mash or Education City – your children will have their log-in details for these online platforms. We may set homework projects which will be fun activities based on other areas of learning. Homework will be given on Wednesdays and will be due the following Monday.

**Maths homework**- A short task to consolidate the work being taught in school.

**English homework** – A SPaG task to support our class learning.

**Reading** – Please read daily with your child and record in their Reading Record

# Parents' Evening

There will be three opportunities throughout the year for formal and informal meetings. Parents and teachers will be able to discuss pastoral and academic progress and targets will be shared. In addition, an annual written report will be sent home in the final half-term.



# Topics

We have planned to cover the following this year:

**Autumn Term:** United Kingdom, Lake District, The Story of Migration, Light, Evolution

**Spring Term:** Black History, The Maya, Electricity, Habitats

**Summer Term:** Local History and Geography, Animals including Humans



# Reading

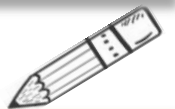
We will be continuing with Accelerated Reading. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible, a range of genres (non-fiction, fiction, play scripts, newspapers etc). Please ensure your child's reading book and record are in school **every day** so we can hear your child read as often as possible.

# Maths

In Year 6, children will be taught in their two class groups. We follow the White Rose scheme of work.

# SATS

SATs will begin the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, so please do not book any holidays for this week or before.



# End of Year

As the children reach the end of their time at Old Earth, we try to make their last few weeks as much fun and memorable as possible. If you go on holiday early, they could be missing out:

- Sports Day
- House Matches
- Transition Events
- Reward Trips
- The Leavers' Concert

## Spellings

We will be following an age-appropriate progression of spelling rules. Class work will focus on different spelling patterns and sounds and how to incorporate them into writing. Our English lessons will also provide opportunities to develop vocabulary.



## Being Healthy

A healthy snack is available at most break times, although children may bring their own healthy option. Children should bring a water bottle and they are responsible for taking it home to be washed.



## PE

Our PE lessons will take place every Wednesday. We endeavour to go outdoors to do PE throughout the year, so please ensure warm layers are worn for colder weather. Please note that PE kit should not be worn at after-school clubs.

Please ensure long hair is tied up and jewellery is removed for all PE lessons.



## Residential

The Year 6 residential to the Lake District will take place from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023. We will be staying at the YHA Troutbeck and we will have exclusive use of the hostel and grounds. All meals will be included (except lunch on Wednesday). The children will participate in a number of outdoor activities lead by qualified instructors. A kit list and itinerary will be sent home in the new term.

## Transition Arrangements

Secondary school transition forms need to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. If you do not complete your form by this date you will not be given a secondary school place and you may have to take a place at a school you are not happy with.

## Grammar School Exam

Dates and times of both Grammar School entrance exams are included in the application pack and you will need to contact the school directly to receive this information.