



5th January 2022

Dear Year 6 parents,

Happy New Year to you!

We are really proud of how well your children settled into Year 6 in the Autumn term. They are progressing well as readers, writers and mathematicians and we are confident in achieving a strong set of SATs results in May.

They will sit their next set of practice papers in February and we will be able to report those results to you at parents' evening on Monday 7th and 14th March.

In the meantime, please continue to support them with their homework every night and ask them about their reading and their progress on their weekly arithmetic tests.

Updates to the Y6 curriculum

Pupils have been using their laptops at home very effectively. Now we have made such a big investment in computing, we are seeing large gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills that we would like to address in lessons in school. Computing is a National Curriculum subject and we are keen to ensure our pupils access the full curriculum now we have the devices to do so. They will develop knowledge and skills of how to use their device effectively and a number of important programmes, they will also start to learn about coding and will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to be safe online.

Year 6 and Year 7 are beginning to learn Computing for one lesson a week from next week. Mr Holmes will be their teacher as he is also our Digital Literacy Lead and is experienced in teaching Computing to KS2 and KS3 at his previous school.

This change gives us an opportunity to map a Computing curriculum and learn what knowledge and skills children have and need so as to be able to make more informed decisions about the computing curriculum for the rest of the school from September 2022.

The hour a week for Computing is coming from music so pupils in Year 6 will now have one lesson of music a week rather than two. They will go up to three music lessons a week in Year 7.

Please be reminded that Leeds have now finished swimming. Plymouth start swimming next week.

Please see below for which days your children will need to wear/bring what. They do not need to bring their laptops to school for computing as we will use devices in school.

Your children will also come home tomorrow with an updated printed timetable for your reference.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leeds		Come to school in PE kit	Come to school in PE kit Bring Strings Instruments		
Plymouth			Come to school in PE kit with swimming kit in a bag	Bring Strings Instruments	
Norwich	Come to school in PE kit			Come to school in PE kit	Bring Strings Instruments

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Holmes, Year 6 Year Lead and Digital Literacy Lead or directly to me.

Yours faithfully,

Beth Humphreys
Associate Principal, Head of Primary