



Welcome to Year Six

Class Teachers: Mrs Lavelle, Mrs Van den Brande and Mrs Turvey

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Laiker | Mrs Wallwork

Additional Teaching Staff: Mrs Hampton Joyce | Mrs Austin

Welcome to Year Six, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some essential information with you:

Reading

- Children will read with their Class Teacher in Guided Reading sessions
- Children will bring home an age-appropriate book as well as a library book
- We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child or encourage your child to write their own reflection on their reading independently
- Your child's Reading books, and Reading Record should be brought into school each day and will be checked by class teachers on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following **Monday**
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks mostly independently, but can be supported
- Home Learning tasks will consist of Maths/Arithmetic, English/Reading Comprehension and SPaG
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers
- Online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school:
 - This includes Spelling Shed, Maths Shed and Times Tables Rockstars. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- A member of the Year Six team will be available on the Upper Key Stage Two door every morning and both at the end of the school day
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team, we are always happy to arrange a time for this via admin@gorseybank.org.uk
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in **October** and **January**, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorseley Weekly is sent out every Friday

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning breaktime (please ensure there are no nuts)
- Children have the option of School Lunches (available to be purchased) or bringing their own packed lunch (please ensure there are no nuts)
- Children will have access to their own locker, so please use suitably sized rucksacks (if needed)
- On PE days, children are to come to school in their PE kits. The PE Days in Year Six are **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- Uniform remains the same as last year – [full guidance on this can be found here](#)

Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the Upper Key Stage Two door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection, this can be done on the door or through contacting the school office
- Children in Year Six are permitted to walk home with parental permission. Should you wish for your children to walk home independently, please notify the Year Six team of this and put it in writing to admin@gorseysbank.org.uk
- If your child is due to attend Kids GB and is walking home instead, please email the school to let us know of this change

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.gorseysbank.org.uk/>

Or our year group page:

<https://www.gorseysbank.org.uk/year-groups/year-6/>