



Widmer End Community Combined School and Pre-School

Welcome to Year 6

I am delighted to welcome all of the children and their families into our Year 6 team. I hope this letter will answer most of the questions you may have about this year. It will give you an idea of what the expectations are and what we will be learning.

Timetable

The timetable is always displayed below the interactive board and we have a visual timetable which is updated daily. PE takes place on **Wednesday** so please ensure your child is wearing their correct PE kit to school on that day. We try to go outside as often as possible, so please provide some appropriate warmer PE clothing for the winter months. On **Thursdays** we have a swimming lesson at Cedar Park School and we walk there straight after the lunch break.

Topics

Each term we will focus on different topics. These topics will link into all areas of the curriculum. Autumn Term topics are as follows:

- Mapping the World
- Light
- Classification

Please see the curriculum map for further curriculum information.

Planner/Reading Record

All children have now been given a planner/reading record. This will be used by the children to record their home learning in each week such as reading, spellings and times tables practise they have done and any other messages that I might want to communicate to home. You should also use this diary if you have any comments or messages you wish your child to pass on to me. If you do include a message then please ask your child to make sure they hand in their book to me so I can respond. The planner/reading record also needs to be signed once a week by a parent. The planners are then to be handed in and checked every Monday for the previous week. Please ensure your child brings their planner to school with them **everyday** so that any key information/new logins can be recorded.

Home Learning

Children will be set two pieces of home learning each week in addition to the other home learning tasks they are expected to complete such as reading, spellings and times tables. These will be a reading, maths or SPaG activity. Each activity should take no longer than 30 minutes. I do not expect children to spend longer than this on each activity. They should complete as much as they can in that time. The activities need to be completed in the Home Learning book and handed in for marking on a **Tuesday**. Home learning activities will be given out on a **Thursday**.



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Spellings and Times Tables

Spelling lists have been uploaded to the Year 6 page of the school website for the children to be tested on the corresponding list every **Friday**. All children should write a sentence for each spelling and hand it in. Please include your spelling sentences in your homework book along with your homework.

All children are aware of which level they are currently at for their times tables. They could practise the relevant tables by writing them out or alternatively they could use the computer for games such as Hit the Button. They do not need to hand this in, but they need it recorded in their planners for checking on a **Monday**. Cracking Times Tables will usually take place on a **Friday**.

Reading

Children should read aloud to you as well as independently from a wide range of fiction and non-fiction for a minimum of 10 minutes at a time, allowing time for discussion, questions and answers. Your child should then record this in their reading record/planner. Year 6 children are required to read a minimum of 3 times a week as part of their home learning.

Morning break

It is really important that you send a snack for your child. They should be having a piece of fruit at break times. This will help the children be more focused in lessons.

Communication

I will use Class Dojo to post any urgent messages or up and coming notices. Please use the school email for any communication to me if you cannot catch me at the end of the school day. Please be aware that I cannot respond promptly during the teaching day, but I do check messages every morning.

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to our Meet the Teacher presentation on Tuesday 10th September at 6.30pm

If you have any questions that have not been answered by this letter or concerns or issues throughout the year I am available after school most days for appointments although unfortunately, I am unavailable after school on a Thursday. I am looking forward to a productive and successful time with all of your children and working in partnership with you to ensure that everyone achieves the most that they can.

Mrs Archer-Doran