

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026

Monday 6th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. We hope that you and your family had a lovely summer break and that the children are excited to be back in Year 6, in the Martin Luther King Jr Class. We are very much looking forward to working with your child and I personally look forward to getting to know you all!

The Year 6 team: Mr Nicholson will be teaching the class with TA support from Mrs Marshall, as well as Miss Hannah teaching the class on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

This is what we have planned for the first half term:

Maths: We will build upon, extend and reinforce work covered in previous years as well as introduce new concepts. The key areas of focus for this term are place value and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It would be helpful if you could encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars (to x12), as these facts should now be instantly recalled; a good knowledge of these will help your child immensely in all of their mathematical work.

English: In writing, we will explore the theme of Journeys and Migration through the high-quality texts *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick and *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah. Throughout these units, students will engage in a range of shorter writing tasks while also developing longer pieces, including a biography and a persuasive pitch to a council.

EGPS (English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling): The curriculum has a great emphasis on grammar skills, and these will be taught within our units being taught, as relevant. Spellings will be sent home weekly, and children will need to practise these and ensure they understand and can use the words in context.

Reading is of great importance: we will engage in whole-class reading sessions to help children to improve their key reading skills. It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to read as much as possible. Also, we are aware finding time can be difficult but reading with an adult is still important for children as it allows the opportunity to ask questions to assess and develop their comprehension skills.

Other subject themes are as follows:

Science: Electricity

RE: Exploring the New Testament

Geography: 'What will happen when all of the natural resources run out?'

PE: Tag Rugby and Sports Leader Practice (Year 6 PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays but please ensure that your child always has their PE kit available at school)

Computing: Data (Excel spreadsheets); online safety will be the focus of the first lesson each half term

Music: Unison singing (swing music) and composing phrases using the pentatonic scale

Art: Painting and learning about horizon lines/vanishing points in art (artist studied will be David Hockney)

PSHE: Being Me in My World

DAaRT (Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training)

You may have heard of the DAaRT Primary Programme (previously known as DARE), delivered by Life Skills Education; Cropwell Bishop School has taken part in this for many years. This programme is designed to raise awareness and develop the skills needed to make positive, informed choices for a safe and healthy life. Our Y6 children will have ten sessions, led by the year 6 team. Our sessions will take place weekly on Wednesday mornings. At the end of the course, there is a graduation ceremony, to which you will be invited (details will follow). Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Homework

The homework grid will be posted onto Teams and a paper copy will be provided for each child. Children are expected to complete activities throughout the half term to help them to practise completing homework regularly in readiness for secondary school. I am more than happy to answer any questions/support children with homework queries. If you require any homework printing, please let me know.

Key Dates/Reminders

- Wednesday 9th September: Meet the Teacher (you can attend on either the 3:45pm or 4:30pm slot).
- Tuesday 29th September: Y6 trip to Langar Lane Solar Farm. Further communication will be sent regarding this.
- Thursday 1st October: Census Day – Special Lunch Menu.
- Thursday 1st October: Black History Month.
- Wednesday 7th October: Flu Immunisation Session
- Wednesday 7th October: KS2 Reading Parent Meeting. 3.45pm.

-Just a quick reminder that earrings are not permitted in school. If your child cannot remove earrings due to recent piercings, please can you ensure they wear tape or plasters to cover their earrings.

Finally, we know that many of you may well have questions about the Key Stage Two SATs so you are invited to attend a meeting in the spring term (details will be provided): this will enable us to explain about the KS2 SATs in detail and answer any queries.

If you require any further information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school by telephoning or through email (office@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk).

If there is anything I can personally help with, or any queries you may have, please let me know via the class 6 email (class6info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk).

I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Kind regards,

Mr Nicholson and the Year 6 Team.