November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a brilliant first half term and the children are looking forward to a very exciting second one!

Curriculum
More information about the content of English and Maths lessons can be found in the **Weekly Overview**, which will be put on to Parent Hub every Friday afternoon. We encourage you to look at this so that you can talk to your child about what they are doing each week, and support their learning in these areas where possible.

English – This half term we will be continuing with our text 'The song from somewhere else' by A.F Harold which is a wonderful story about loneliness, bullying and friendship as key themes. The children will be engaged in a range of different writing activities linked to this.
Maths –We have all started our unit on fractions. After this unit our next topic is on Measurement and converting units.
History – 'The African kingdoms of Ethiopia and Benin'
Geography – 'Ethiopia'
Science – 'The Science of Light'
Computing – 'Online Safety & The History of Computers'
Religions and world views – 'How People Express their Views'
D&T – 'Textiles'

Play
We are getting really excited about the play. The children are doing really well in learning their lines and practising their part during their rehearsal slot. Initially we will continue with maths and English as usual in the mornings and then the children will be working in their casts on different wider curriculum areas in the afternoons.
As we get very close to the play, this will change a bit as we will need to use some morning slots to rehearse. We will let you know about this as and when via the weekly overview on ParentHub.

A massive thank you to all the parents who are giving up lots of their time to help with the play; sourcing, making and adapting costumes, planning makeup and hair for the characters, and coaching children with their acting and singing. We couldn't do it without you!

Fidgets/squishies/toys
We understand that some children find it helpful to have something to fiddle with to support their concentration. For this reason, we are happy to provide children with Blu Tack or putty where needed. This should be used discreetly and quietly, without distracting the child or those around them.

However, we have noticed an increasing number of children bringing in fidget toys, squishies, Rubik's Cubes and other small toys from home. Please could we remind you that these are toys and should not be brought into school. We have found that they become more of a distraction, particularly when children are sharing them with friends or playing with them during lessons.

Any fidget tool should be there to help a child concentrate, not to distract them or others. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused learning environment.

PE
A reminder that children need to wear their PE kit on their PE days. This should be loose fitting clothing and trainers. Children may have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing. Please check when your child has PE during the run up to the play in particular as we are not following our usual timetable. The timetable for what each cast is doing each afternoon will be posted on Friday on the parent hub app.

Home Learning
English, maths and wider curriculum home learning will be posted shortly for you to support your child with extra learning around our curriculum. There is also a maths weekly learning activity that focuses on key skills we have been working on in class, it would be great if you could find time to do this with your child.

Dates for your diaries:

Autumn Festival – 14th November (3-7pm) West Playground
Visit the Year 6 Classrooms – 17th November (8:50am – 9:10am)
Parents' Evening – 18th November (4-8pm) West Hall
Winter Concert – 16th December (3.45pm onwards) West Hall
Last day of term & Toy Day – 18th December

We look forward to a great half term.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team