

Dear Parent/Carer,

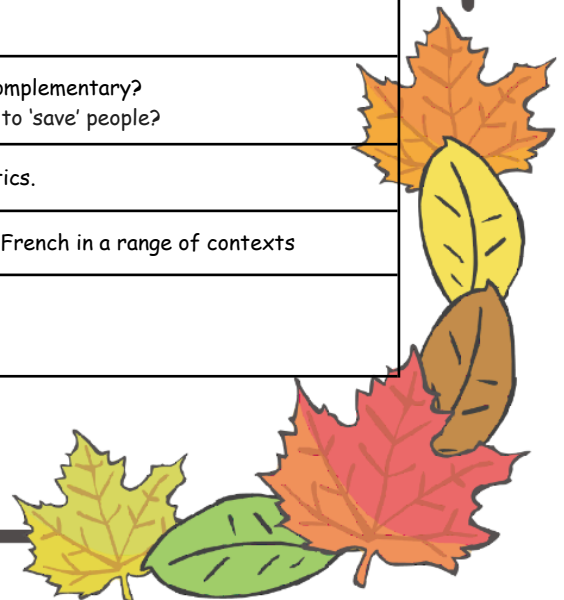
We are delighted to welcome the children to Year 6 and are very much looking forward to teaching them over the course of their final year at Boringdon.

This letter is intended to help children understand expectations for this term, organise themselves for activities like PE and remember Boringdon expectations for things like taking responsibility for their homework. It is also intended as a guide for you, keeping you informed about our learning this term and reminding you of key dates and events.

The information below sets out the learning for the coming months but as always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact us - our email addresses are overleaf. Alternatively, both year 6 staff are available each day for a brief discussion between 8:30am and 8:40 am.

This term we will be learning about:

English	Describing character and setting, noun phrases, semi-colons, colons, formal and informal writing. Children will be creating newspaper reports and a story inspired by a Jackie Morris' book called The Ice Bear.
Maths	Numbers and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and Division; fractions, imperial and metric measures
Science	Evolution and Inheritance; Light
Computing	Internet Safety; history of computers; AI unit.
Geography	Extreme Earth: How are volcanoes formed and why are they found in particular locations?
History	Ancient Greece: Who were the Ancient Greeks and how did they influence our modern world?
Music	Singing: Heroes of Troy, Christmas singing
Art and Design	Drawing: 'Make my voice heard'. Craft and design: 'Photo Opportunity'.
Design & Technology	None this term.
Religious Education	Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?
Physical Education	Tag rugby; dance; tennis and gymnastics.
Modern Foreign Languages	The children will learn conversational French in a range of contexts
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	Being Me and Celebrating Difference





Homework

Children will receive fifteen weekly spellings to learn at home. Many of these at the start of term will be revising patterns from previous years and will become more challenging as the term progresses!

We also expect children to read at home for 30 minutes each evening.

Maths homework will be set on a Thursday and link to arithmetic learning that has taken place in class that week.

SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) homework will be set on Thursday each week and link to learning that has taken place in class.

Children should be using Times Table Rockstars, at least three times a week.

Homework is to be handed in on a Thursday, which is also when children will complete their spelling test.

Accelerated Reader:

You can keep track of your child's progress towards their target and their quiz scores by logging on to:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal>

Please ensure children do not take quizzes at home. Any quizzes taken at home will be deleted in school.

You can also email andrewsargeant@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk or claudiajames@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk for support and advice with your child's work.

PE Times

PE time for this term will be:

6AS - Tuesday and Wednesday

6CJ- Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has a school P.E kit on the days that they have PE.

It is essential that all items are named as this ensures the safe return of lost pieces of kit. May we please stress that the children should wear School P.E kit (a coloured t-shirt linked to their house - plain or with school logo- plain black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms). Over the past years, 'P.E kit' in a variety of styles and colours has been worn by some children. This mismatch of kit does not reflect the pride we have in our uniform and our school, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the acceptable kit. Earrings must be taped or removed for PE sessions.

Snacks/Water

As a Healthy School we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit. Your child will be able to eat their snack during morning break. Although we provide beakers for water, we still encourage children to bring in a bottle of water. It has been proven that keeping hydrated by drinking throughout the day improves concentration. Children will not be allowed to consume energy or sports drinks in school as this is proven to inhibit concentration. Can we please emphasise that only a piece of fruit or vegetable is allowed for a break time snack.

Peanut & Nut Allergy

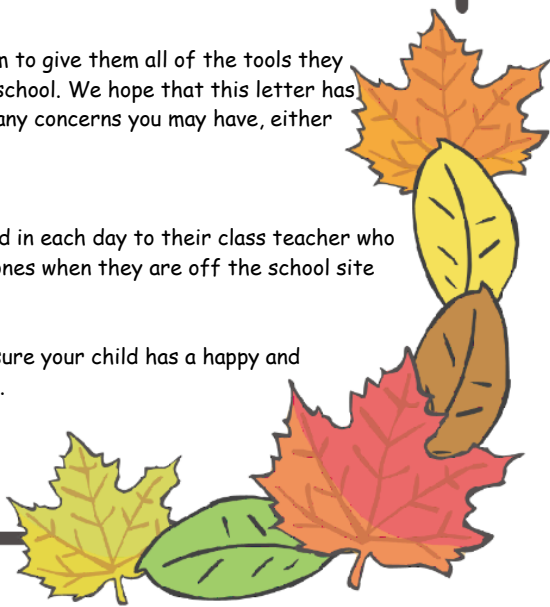
We now have a few children in our school with a severe peanut allergy. Just touching another child's hand or a wrapper that has contained peanuts or nuts could cause a severe life-threatening reaction. It would really help us to keep these children safe if you ensure your child brings no nut products to school in their packed lunch. Your support would be much appreciated.

As you are aware, year 6 is an extremely important year for children. We aim to give them all of the tools they require to have a great year with us and to be fully prepared for secondary school. We hope that this letter has been helpful but please remember that we are always very happy to discuss any concerns you may have, either after school or at a more convenient time.

Mobile phones

Children are permitted to bring phones to school. The phones must be handed in each day to their class teacher who will securely store it until the end of the day. Children can only use their phones when they are off the school site and returning home.

We look forward to working alongside you over the course of the year to ensure your child has a happy and productive Year 6 that prepares them fully for secondary school and beyond.





Yours sincerely,

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