



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term

Welcome back to school Year 6, to your final year at Colney Heath. We have a jammed packed, exciting year ahead of us full of learning opportunities before you spread your wings and embark on your secondary school adventures. You will find below, lots of information about what is happening in Year 6 this term. As the term progresses, I will send further information. I am looking forward to all the many activities and events that make Year 6 special and working with you, for your child. Please do get in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Miss Dockrell

Parents, there may be things you would like me to know and help you with. Please do get in touch with me if you feel you have important information you wish to share. I will do my best to help you, and your child. The quickest way to communicate with me is to send an email to yr6@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk from the address you wish me to use, so that I can contact you. Include your child's name in the subject line.

Class Teacher- Miss Dockrell

PPA Cover Teacher (Tues am) - Mrs Billing

TA: Miss Holland (Mon, am only)



Homework

Reading remains the most important daily homework exercise. As we prepare your Children for Year 7, they are expected to read at least 4 times a week for around 15 minutes. This should ideally be as a combination of reading by themselves and reading to someone, discussing the text.

Each week there will be **3 homework exercise books sent home: Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation** (known as SPAG) Each book contains a series of tests, with 10 questions per test. Children should do one test per week in each book. The books will come home on a Friday and should be returned to school on the following Friday to be checked. The answers are at the back of the books (you may wish to remove these) **Please mark the tests with your child.** Give them an opportunity to correct any mistakes on their own, in another colour (rather than rub it out) before providing support. If your child is still struggling with certain questions, mark these with a star. This will be addressed on Thursday lunchtime in school. If more input is needed, we will address this as a whole class. We may also leave it if it is to be covered later in the year. Parents have said previously that these books enable them to see what the Year 6 curriculum requires, how their child is doing, areas they are successful in and where they may require further development and give them the opportunity to work with their child.

TTRockstars is also expected to be accessed by the children at least 3 times a week.

Key Dates for Year 6

1st October 2026- Saxon Britain Day in hall (Parent Volunteers needed)

2nd October 2026- Year 6 Class Assembly 9:05am

20th and 22nd October 2026- Parent Consultations

23rd October 2026-INSET DAY

31st October 2026 – Deadline for Secondary School Applications.

2nd November 2026- Inset Day

27th November 2026- Occasional Day

17th December 2026- Whole school concert at St Marks 10am



English

In English this term, we will be writing a range of genres using Hermelin', 'Uncle Montagues Tales of Terror' and 'Planetarium' During these units, we will have many opportunities for discussion and vocabulary building, before revising sentence constructions - the building blocks of writing.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be exploring and securing our knowledge of place value up to 10,000,000 and with three decimal places before revising and building on our learning in Year 5 on formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



Guided Reading

We will be enhancing our skills in vocabulary inferencing, predicting, explaining, retrieval, summarising using extracts from a variety of texts.



Science

We will be exploring Light this term. We will be focussing on how shadows are formed, how light travels as well as refraction and reflection. To assist with this, we will be taking part in several investigations to improve our working scientifically skills.

PE: We will be enhancing our skills and knowledge of gymnastics and ball skills this term. PE will take place every Tuesday and Thursday-please ensure you have the correct kit **every week** including trainers and a warm jumper.

History: Anglo Saxons and Vikings is our focus this term, we will be exploring peace and conflict throughout the ages.

RE: We will be learning all about: 'How do Christians Live, What would Jesus do.' We will explore the four gospels and their teachings.

PSHE: This term we will be focussing on ourselves in the world. Looking at our goals and how we respond to different situations.

Computing: We will be learning about networks and online safety

DT: We will be exploring, designing, making and evaluating electronic games.

Art: We will be studying printing through the lives of the Anglo Saxons and creating our own designs and end piece.

French: We will be learning French vocabulary based around Healthy Lifestyles.

Music: We will be exploring, learning how to sing and perform the song 'Happy' and 'Jazz'

