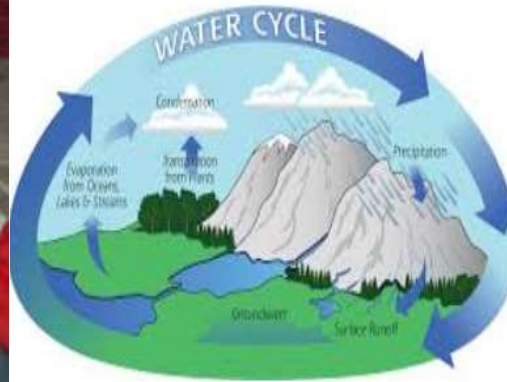


# Y6 Newsletter - Autumn 1



Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome to Y6

A big 'hello and welcome' from us all in the Y6 team. We have an exciting and productive year planned.

As you can see, our project this half term is 'Water, Water Everywhere – Local to Global' and so we will be studying the geology of rivers as well as the importance of water both in Sheffield and around the world. To begin this project, we will visit Padley Gorge in the Peak District and follow Burbage Brook to complete a river survey. So we can share all the children's fantastic learning we will be putting together an exhibition of their work, which you are invited to see on Thursday 25 October from 3.00 onwards. For further details about what will be taught this half term, please see the project plan over the page.

Every child will be given a home reading diary, as last year. Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every day. Pupils are welcome to take books home from school to read, or they may read their own books. Either way, do remember to sign their home reading books weekly, with any comments you have about what they are reading and how you feel their reading is progressing. We check the home reading diaries every week.

Homework will be given out on Wednesdays and is due back in school on Mondays. Spellings are checked on Tuesday.

Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school every week – children in Y6 have PE on Tuesday and Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns please see Mrs Atherton, Mrs Hailey or Miss Deans. For short enquiries, class teachers can be found in the playground at both the start and end of the day. Longer meetings can be organised in advance, by making an after school appointment. We are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Kind regards

Mrs Atherton, Mrs Hailey and Miss Deans, with teaching assistants Mr Walsh (Y6LA) and Mrs Robinson (Y6HD).

Nurturing a caring community, in which every child learns well.



This term we are developing our skills and becoming geographers; gathering information about rivers, and researching why water is such an important resource for everyone around the world. Our trip to Padley Gorge will help us to understand where a river starts and how it shapes the landscape. In addition to this, we will also be finding out about the impact humans have on water. In the final week of term, we will present our learning in the form of a fantastic year group exhibition – which parents/carers are invited to view – see details in 'Key Dates' below.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Narrative:</b> to write a setting description based on the writing by Michael Morpurgo.	<b>Narrative:</b> to write a character description based on the writing by Michael Morpurgo.	<b>Narrative:</b> to write newspaper reports based on The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo.	<b>Narrative:</b> complete a newspaper report based on The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo.	<b>Persuasive writing:</b> To plan and write a formal persuasive letter	<b>Persuasive writing:</b> To plan and write a formal persuasive letter	<b>Poetry:</b> study and write poetry based on the sea	<b>Poetry:</b> To write own interpretive verse in response to The Magic Box
<b>Numeracy</b>	<b>Place Value</b> Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000.	<b>Place Value</b> Rounding Round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.	<b>Number:</b> Addition and Subtraction Solve number and practical problems.	<b>Number:</b> Multiplication Multiply multi-digit number up to 4 digits by a 2 digit number.	<b>Number:</b> Division with Long division Divide up to 4 digits by a 2 digit whole number.	<b>Number:</b> Division with Short division Divide with remainders	<b>Number:</b> Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.	<b>Estimation:</b> Use estimation to check answers and calculations
<b>Project Work</b>	<b>Geography</b> Rivers and their features Local/national rivers <b>Art</b> Boat scenes - mixed media	<b>Geography</b> River study Journey of a river Map work	<b>Geography</b> Follow up from visit Map work River features <b>D+T/Science</b> Boats – What makes a boat float?	<b>Science</b> Evolution From water to land <b>D+T</b> Make and test boats	<b>Science</b> How fossils provide a window to the past – evolution. <b>Geography/PSHE</b> Why water is such a precious resource.	<b>Science</b> Who was Darwin? Explore the 'survival of the fittest'. <b>Geography/PSHE</b> Explore inequalities in access to water.	<b>Science</b> Why do animals and plants adapt to their surroundings? <b>Geography</b> Explore pollution in the worlds' oceans.	Art Wek
<b>Key Dates</b>		<b>14/09/18</b> Padley Gorge Visit <i>Parent helpers needed</i>	<b>18/09/18</b> 17.00 – 17.30 Information Meeting for Parents/Carers – Y6 Activity Week	<b>Wb 24/09/18</b> SATs Rehearsal Week				<b>25/10/18</b> 15.00 – 16.00 Y6 Water Exhibition – Parents/Carers invited to visit

## 2018 – 2019 Key Dates for Y6

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>SATs Arrangements</b>	SATs Practice Mon 24 – Thurs 27 September 2018		SATS Practice Mon 14 – 17 January 2019	SATS Practice Mon 11 – Thurs 14 March 2019	SATs Week Monday 13 – Thurs 16 May 2019	
<b>Topic Title</b>	<b>Water, water everywhere (Local to Global)</b>	<b>Put Out That light!</b>	<b>Having a Wizard Time</b>	<b>Invaders from the North</b>		<b>All the World's a Stage</b>
<b>Trips/Visits/Meetings</b>	<p><b>14/09/18</b> Burbage Bridge to Padley Gorge River study <i>Parent helpers needed</i></p> <p><b>18/09/18</b> 17.00 – 17.30 Activity week (with residential option) Information Meeting.</p>	<p><b>Tbc/11/18</b> Kelham Island 'Sheffield at War' Second World War workshop <i>Children are encouraged to dress up for the day in Second World War attire. Parent helpers needed</i></p> <p><b>29/11/18</b> Visit to the Synagogue, Psalter Lane <i>All boys will need to bring and wear a cap in the Synagogue.</i></p>	<p><b>Date to be confirmed</b> Crucial Crew – Lifewise Centre, Rotherham <i>Children will need to be in school for 8.25 to ensure we depart by 8.35.</i></p> <p><b>07/02/19</b> Enterprise Project Y6 Market</p>	<p><b>26/02/19</b> Viking Workshop – Portals to the Past (in school) <i>Children are encouraged to dress up for the day in Viking attire.</i></p> <p><b>27/03/19</b> Swimming session at Heeley Pool (pre-SATs treat) <i>Parent helpers needed</i></p>	<p><b>17/05/19</b> Millhouses Park and ice- cream followed by duvet and film afternoon</p> <p><b>20 – 24/05/19</b> 'Bike Ability' cycle training for children wishing to take part</p>	<p><b>Date to be confirmed</b> 19.00 - 20.00 Leavers Performance Merlin Theatre</p> <p><b>8 - 12/07/19</b> Activity Week (with residential option)</p> <p><b>Dates to be confirmed</b> Transition events to different secondary schools</p> <p><b>18/07/19</b> Leavers' Party (pm)</p> <p><b>19/07/19</b> Dress Down Day</p>