YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

We are delighted that we will be working with you and your children during their final year at Windy Arbor. We provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment, where children are encouraged to dream, believe and achieve. Working together this year is extremely important and we thank you in advance for all of your support. A key focus for Year 6 will be our reading, writing, maths and grammar ready for our SATS in the summer term. Our topics this term will be Sustainability, World Wars, The Heart and Lungs and Light. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Haydon, Miss Docker, Mrs Worrall, and Mrs Faulkner.

Be Windy SMART!

Children are encouraged to care for each other, their belongings, and the learning environment, instilling responsibility and respect. When challenging behaviour occurs, staff address it directly, explaining consequences and guiding children towards positive choices.



Attendance & Absences

Regular attendance helps children build routines, develop friendships, and make the most of their learning experiences.

We aim for all children to achieve attendance of at least 96%

Every Minute Counts

Lateness = Lost Learning

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
25 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Class Dojo & Reward System

Class Dojo is our school communication platform and reward system that teachers, children, and families use every day to build close-knit communities. Through Class Dojos we will share:

- Photos and updates on classroom activities
- Homework reminders and instructions
- Celebrations of pupil achievements

P.E KIT

- Green T-Shirt
- Black Shorts/Joggers or Leggings
- ALL Black Trainers/ Plimsoles
- Purple Hoodies are also allowed



Our P.E days are:
Monday and Thursday

We expect all children to come to school in the correct P.E kit on the days they have P.E.

IMPORTANT DATES

11th September	Roald Dahl Day
15th September	Art Workshop
17th September	School Photographs
14th & 15th October	Parents' Evening
23rd October	Inset Day
Week beginning 2th October	Half Term
27th November	Takeover Day
4th December	Christmas Fayre
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Dinner
18th December	Christmas Party afternoons

English

Children will look at a range of text types: Descriptive narrative, narrative with a journey, diary entry, balanced argument, and narrative poetry. Through these lessons they will plan, draft, edit and evaluate, and publish their work, presenting this to a high standard. Children will also continue to build their knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Reading

This term children will be reading two exciting books: Holes and Goodnight Mr Tom. They will then also look at a variety of different texts during their comprehensions days, building on their knowledge and developing their skills. They will be given opportunities to explore new texts to develop their love of reading. We encourage children to read a minimum of three times per week and record this in their planner,

Mathematics

We start the new academic year by studying place value and recapping he four major operations (add, subtract, multiply, divide). Afterwards, we will continue to build on work done in previous years to look at fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will also focus on developing their core arithmetic skills, for speed and accuracy. They will have opportunities to apply these to real life contexts.

Timestables

In Year 6, mastering times tables is essential for building confidence in maths. We use **TT Rockstars** in school to practise recall and speed, and children are encouraged to continue with this at home. Regular short sessions make a big difference – please support your child's practice

Science

During the first half term, children will be taught about The Heart and Lungs. We will study the circulatory system, learn about the basic components of blood, how the heart works, before looking at the effects of exercise and diet on the body. We will then move onto our topic of Light, where will focus on how light changes throughout the day, what white light is made up of, as well as how our eyes work.

P.E

We begin our PE for the new term by studying a variety of games including basketball before moving on to gymnastics. PE is an essential part of the school week and we expect all children to take part. Children will need to be bare foot or have pumps provided for gymnastics. Children are expected to come to school in their correct Windy Arbor PE kit on a Monday and a Thursday.

Humanities

We will begin with a short geography unit focusing on sustainability, where will investigate the cause and effects of human life on the environment. We then move onto a history topic where we study the impacts of both World War 1 and 2 on Britain. Discovering which countries were involved, the causes and consequences and the impact of warfare on everyday life. We then look closely at our locality and its involvement in the war.

Homework

Each Friday, children will be given homework in their homework book. This will consist of arithmetic, grammar and spelling. The children will have a week to complete this. Alongside this, children will be given a daily LBQ where they can access additional learning that will support with year 6. Children will also receive a reading record, which contains a template to show how reading should be recorded. This will be checked on a Monday.

Parental Support

Your support is vital during your child's final year at Windy Arbor. We will encourage the children to share their homework and other challenges with you, so together we can help all the children reach their full potential. Your support with reading with your child as well as their timetables is crucial as we push to maintain the high standards.