

Welcome to Year 6



A very warm welcome to all parents and carers of children in Year 6. We are sure your child is going to have a wonderful year with us. Please find below lots of useful information about the new term. If you have any questions or if there is anything you are unsure about, please don't hesitate to contact us via email. We are looking forward to working closely with you and your child and we value your continued support.

Class Teachers	6L Miss Lanagan cirre.lanagan@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk 6M Mrs Melhuish claire.melhuish@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk Mrs Tang—English groups Mon-Thurs mornings
Teaching Assistants	A range of teaching assistants will be supporting individual children across the year group. 6M have a trainee teacher, Miss Hughes, joining them in a few weeks.
Important Dates	14th— 18th October: Duke's Barn residential. Children will split into two groups with half going Monday to Wednesday and the other half Wednesday to Friday. Parent/carer information meeting about the trip is on Tuesday 24th September, 6pm. If possible, it is really important for you to try and attend.
Homework	Reading: 20—30 mins at least four times a week, with a combination of independent reading and reading to an adult. Please encourage your child to record this in their diary. Spellings: handed out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Maths: a sheet to practise skills and methods previously learnt in class. Regular practice of times tables. Instant recall of all facts up to 12 x 12 is essential in Year 6 as the majority of the curriculum depends upon it being in place. A piece of either English or topic-related work will be handed out every Friday to be handed in the following Thursday.
Home School Diary	Your child has a brand new Home School Diary with lots of important information in. Please help them to look after this, record their reading within it and remember to bring it into school every day.
PE	Mr Maylard-Mason will teach both 6M and 6L on Tuesday afternoons. The class teachers will teach the second session each week on a Thursday. This term they will be working on tag rugby and athletics. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
English	Our first Talk For Writing focus will be on warning stories where the children will develop their skills in creating suspense, characters and settings. Our second major unit will develop narrative skills, linked to World War 1 poetry. In addition to this, grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taught in short bursts and embedded into their writing.
Maths	Place value—reading, writing, comparing, ordering, rounding and understanding the place value of numbers beyond a million. Formal written strategies—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including long multiplication and division. Calculating with fractions and mixed numbers.
History	Our topic this term is the First World War. The children will learn about its causes and what life was like, both at home and in battle. This includes a theme day with an historical expert, Jason King.
Science	This term's science topic is Light.
Computing	Our topics are programming using Scratch and developing an understanding of artificial intelligence.
Art/DT	In art, the children will carry out an artist study on Jacqueline Hurley and develop their skills to create their own work in her style.
PSHE	Our PSHE topics this term are Being Me in My World and Celebrating Differences. These themes are explored in the classroom and through whole school assemblies
RE	In Autumn term our topic is Journey Through Life. Mrs Wallace will teach both classes RE on a Tuesday afternoon.
Music	Music will be taught to both classes on a Friday morning by our music teacher, Mrs Brown.
French	French will be taught to both classes on a Friday morning by Mrs Alcock.