

# Welcome to Year 6

## Spring Term 2024



A belated happy new year and we hope you are ready for this new term. The children have returned to school in a hardworking manner, already producing some very pleasing work. It's going to be a busy term ahead as we prepare for the SATs tests in May, but we are sure the children are ready for the challenge. As always, please get in touch as soon as possible if you ever have any questions or concerns.

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
Important Dates	SATs Information Meeting (just for parents) on Thursday 18th January at 6pm. SATs tests (advanced warning) begin Monday 13th May and finish on Thursday 16th May. Please do not book holiday during this time.
Homework	<b>Reading:</b> Building stamina for reading and exposure to a range of texts is vital in preparation for the reading SAT test. Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis and make time to listen to then read at least twice a week. It helps. <b>Spellings:</b> Handed out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. <b>SATS work books:</b> The children will shortly receive their SATS preparation work books which they will use for homework each week. There will be a maths book and a grammar and punctuation book. Each week, a number of pages will be set for the children to complete at home. Children should mark the work themselves, using the answers in the back of the books. If they are unsure of anything, they should initially use the guide book (maths) or look at the guidance at the top of the page in the grammar book. We encourage the children to take responsibility and check with us in school anything they are finding challenging. They should return their books every Friday so we can check they have been completed and look through the work to be set the following week together. If the work is not completed at home then the children will complete it during their own playtimes.
PE	Mr Maylard-Mason will continue to teach 6M on Tuesday and 6L on Friday. Mrs Melhuish will teach both classes PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
English	For this first half term in English we are following a Talk For Writing non-fiction unit called The Tree Giant which will have a focus on non-chronological report writing. We will be reading the book Holes and much of our English work will be inspired by this. Grammar and punctuation skills will continue to be taught and incorporated into writing. We will continue to develop key reading skills and strategies, including looking at techniques to help them with their SATs test.
Maths	This term we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages, including the links between the three, and how to calculate with them. We will also look at algebra, perimeter, area, volume, the parts of circle and co-ordinates and translation.
Geography	Our topic this term is the USA . The children will develop their mapwork skills, including looking at lines of longitude and latitude. They will also explore various geographical aspects of the USA and make comparisons with Britain along the way.
Science	This term's science topics are Electricity and Adaptation and Inheritance.
Computing	This term's topics are spreadsheets and developing apps.
Art/DT	In art, we will be completing a printing project linked to Andy Warhol. In DT we will be making fair-ground rides which will link to our electricity topic in science.
PSHE	Our PSHE topics this term are Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. These themes are explored in the classroom and through whole school assemblies
RE	This term's topic is Wonderful World, Wonderful God.
Music	Once a fortnight, all children will have music with Mr Parnell on a Friday.