

# **Year 6**

# **Welcome meeting**

# Staff

## Teachers

Miss Mitchell (Gold Class & Key Stage 2 Leader)

Mrs Matthews (Silver Class)

## PPA cover

Mrs Head - every Tuesday AM in Gold

Mrs Robertson - alternate Thursday PM in Gold

Mrs Head - all day Thursdays in Silver

## LSAs/1:1s

Miss Dooley (HLTA) - Silver

Mrs Cox - Class LSA Gold

Mrs Bagridge, Mrs Sartoris, Mrs Meech

# Organisation

- \* Please inform us via text if children are allowed to walk home or will be picked up by somebody else
- \* Children should bring water bottles to school every day - these can be refilled in the classroom
- \* They should bring fruit and vegetables as a snack
- \* Children should ensure they are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather including proper school shoes (no black trainers). They may need to wear layers as classroom doors and windows are open as much as possible.

# School Uniform



Parents are encouraged to support us in providing the suggested items of clothing which can be purchased either from our School Shop (Emblem in Wickford: 18 The Broadway, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7AA) or at [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). We believe that uniform helps to create a school identity and the children should wear our uniform and the Abacus logo with pride.

**Please note: Trainers and Hooded Sweatshirts/Jackets are not allowed in school.**

We do ask that long hair be tied back and that designs or logos are not shaved into hair. No unnatural hair colours (dyed hair) or unconventional hairstyles will be accepted.



# Organisation

- \* Please could children bring a plastic bag for coats when it is wet (to avoid damaging other items in their locker)
- \* Locker keys are free of charge, however, a replacement key will cost £5
- \* Mobile phones should be switched off and placed in the class trays upon entering the classroom
- \* Please encourage children to develop their independence by remembering their own belongings for the day



# Communication

- \* Please see the school weekly newsletter for up-to-date information and news.
- \* We will use the text system, but may not be able to access this at certain times of the day whilst teaching.
- \* Please see the website for the school calendar, term dates and copies of letters, etc.



**Look out for our  
class curriculum  
journals, hosted  
digitally by Padlet!**

**For the last few years, each class has kept a scrapbook of their practical learning opportunities called a curriculum journal.**

**This year our journals will be hosted online using a digital tool called Padlet so you can enjoy them too! Padlets will be password protected so only parents and staff can access them. Please do not share screenshots, links or passwords externally.**

**We will update Padlets at least once a week. Please bear in mind that some subjects will have more practical activities than others, so you may not see every subject! Each Padlet will be different, but they'll look a little like this! ➡**

**We hope you enjoy browsing our Padlets once they're up and running. We will be sending out login details shortly, which will include a QR code and password.**



# PE

## Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

They should wear their coloured House t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms and tops as the weather gets colder.

Children should have their hair tied back at all times, and earrings and watches removed.





# Topics

**Autumn - Ancient Greeks**

Trips/Events:

PGL - Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

Greek dress-up day - Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

**Spring - Darwin's Dragons (Evolution and Inheritance)**

Chelmsford Court trip - tbc

**Summer - World War II**

Theatre trip - tbc

\*coach cost

# RSE

Relationships and Sex Education in primary schools is now a statutory subject, alongside Health Education. Schools are also advised to provide a relevant, appropriate Sex Education curriculum in the UK as part of their whole school PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum.

In Primary schools, the government wants the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy.

In school we use The Medway scheme and an overview can be found on the school website. We'll be covering this later in the year, when you will receive more information.

# Assessment

## Assessments

- \*Termly Assessments will take place in Maths, Grammar/Spelling and Reading
- \*Half-termly Star Tests linked to Accelerated Reader
- \*All subjects are teacher assessed throughout the year.

A record of attainment will be given to you each term.

# Homework

## \* Regular reading







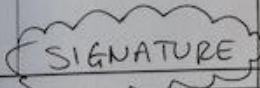
Children must read at home at least three times a week and diaries must be signed by an adult to confirm that they have done so (see example).

Diaries will be checked on Fridays.

If children fail to have their diaries signed for two weeks in a row, they will miss their playtime.

Children can continue to complete their quizzes at home on

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2231238>

| Date, book and page number  |         | Comments<br><small>Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading</small> |   |
|---|---------|---|---|
| M   | 13.9.21 | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban<br>School page 24-42                               | Home pg 42-54  |
| T   | 14.9.21 | page 54-68  |                |
| W   | 15.9.21 | pg 68-94  | pg 94-106      |
| Th  | 16.9.21 | pg 106-132  | pg 132-159     |
| F   | 17.9.21 |   |                |
| WE  |         |   |              |
|  SIGNATURE |         |   |   |
| Tricky words, or new words I have learned   |         |   |   |
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# Homework

- \* Children who cannot fluently recall their times tables should regularly practise on Times Table Rock Stars, EdShed or other relevant apps as this will aid their basic understanding in all areas of maths.
- \* Rollama and Ed Shed will be set for GPS, Spelling and Maths in lieu of the SATs books arriving. Logins will be sent out and should be stuck into homework diaries.
- \* On Fridays, children will be told which pages of their SATs Question Workbooks need to be completed for the following Wednesday.
- \* Maths and GPS will be set weekly and Reading Comprehension will be set weekly/fortnightly.
- \* We ask that parents mark the workbook using the answers at the back so that the children can get instant feedback and make the relevant corrections or refer to the revision guides where necessary.
- \* Children should then bring the Question Workbooks (not Revision Guides) into school on Wednesdays to share with their class teacher.

# Spelling and Handwriting Homework

- \* Children in Year 6 are given weekly handwriting practice linked to the spellings learnt that week.
- \* Once testing of the Year 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling words has been completed, children will bring home a sheet with words to practise throughout the year.
- \* The highlighted words are the ones they can already spell and they will be retested on the non-highlighted words termly.

# Accelerated Reader

- \* Please ensure you have signed up to receive email updates about your child's progress.
- \* Please ask class teachers for your login if you are unsure.
- \* 100% quiz scores are rewarded in class and the children's names are put into a prize draw to win a token to use in our vending machine.
- \* Children can use <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> to search whether a book is on Accelerated Reader or check the book level at home.

# Reading

- \* In order to make good progress, children should read a range of authors and genres. Please see recommended reads for Year 5/6 on the following slides.
- \* You can find recommended reads for individual year groups at <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>
- \* You can find more information about reading at Abacus on our website: <https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/reading-at-abacus>
- \* All children are welcome to join the 5/6 Book Club! Meetings take place half termly.



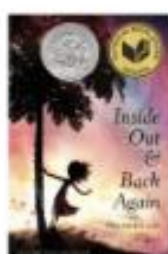
## 100 Books To Read In Year 5 and 6



Demon Dentist  
David Walliams



Goodnight Mister Tom  
Michelle Magorian



Inside Out and Back Again  
Thanhha Lai



The Suitcase Kid  
Jacqueline Wilson



Mortal Engines  
Philip Reeve



Firegirl  
Tony Abbott



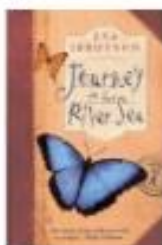
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright  
Christopher Edge



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief  
Rick Riordan



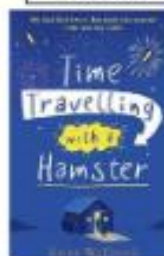
The Graveyard Book  
Neil Gaiman



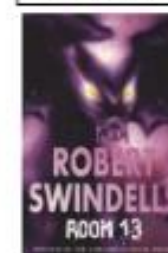
Journey to the River Sea  
Eva Robinson



Five On A Treasure Island  
Enid Blyton



Time Travelling with a Hamster  
Ross MacKinnon



Room 13  
Robert Swindells



Kick  
Mitch Johnson



Millions  
Frank Cottrell Boyce



Street Child  
Berlie Doherty



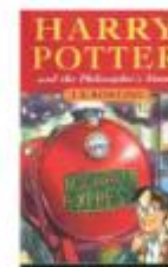
Cogheart  
Peter Bunzl



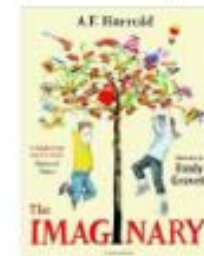
Cloud Busting  
Malorie Blackman



Gaslight  
Elsie Williams



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  
J.K. Rowling



The Imaginary  
A.F. Harrod

## 100 Books To Read In Year 5 and 6



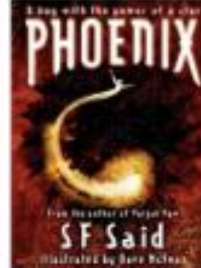
Matilda  
Roald Dahl



Konanuki's Kingdom  
Michael Morpurgo



The Crossover  
Kwame Alexander



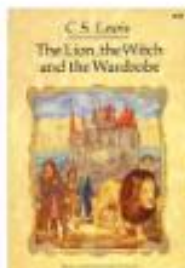
Phoenix  
S F Said



Charlotte's Web  
F B White



Alice's Adventures in  
Wonderland  
Lewis Carroll



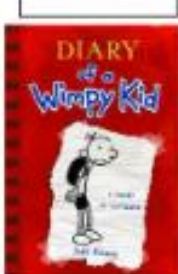
The Lion, the Witch  
and the Wardrobe  
C S Lewis



Vig Of The Damp  
Clive King



Artemis Fowl  
Eoin Colfer



Diary Of A Wimpy Kid  
Jeff Kinney



Five Children and It  
E Nesbit



Beetle Boy  
M G Leonard



Clockwork  
Phillip Pullman



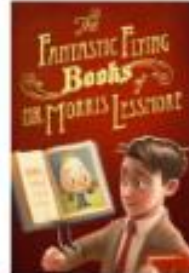
The Secret Garden  
Frances Hodgson  
Burnett



Wonder  
R J Palacio



The Borrowers  
Mary Norton



The Fantastic Flying Books  
of Mr Morris Lessmore  
William Joyce



Skellig  
David Almond



A Series of Unfortunate  
Events  
Lemony Snicket



The Girl of Ink and Stars  
Karen McQuinn  
McQuinn



Holes  
Louis Sachar



## 100 Books To Try And Read In Year 5 and 6



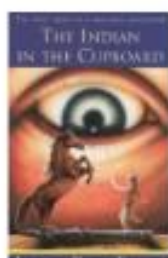
Once

Morris Gleitzman



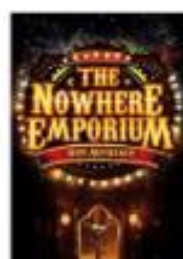
Groosham Grange

Anthony Horowitz



The Indian in the Cupboard

Lynne Reid Banks



The Nowhere Emporium

Rob Macfarlane



Oranges in No Man's Land

Clive Lewis



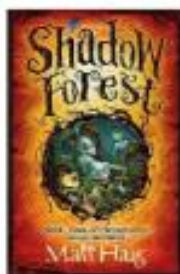
Rooftoppers

Katherine Rundell



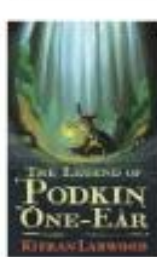
A Girl Called Owl

Amy Wilson



Shadow Forest

Matt Haig



The Legend of Podkin One-Ear

Karen Larnwood



The London Eye Mystery

Jonathan Stroud



The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff

Andy Gould



The Dream Snatcher

Abi Elphinstone



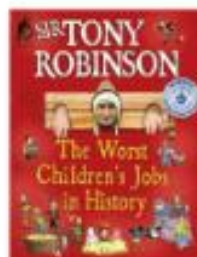
Mold and the Poison Plot

Jonathan Stroud



Flour Babies

Anne Fine



The Worst Children's Jobs in History

Tony Robinson



The Amazing Maurice and His Kingdom of Beans

Terry Pratchett



The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Joan Aiken



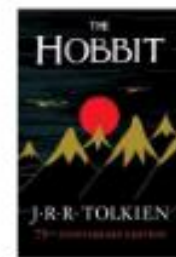
The Queen's Nose

Dick King-Smith



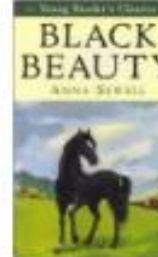
Who Let the Gods Out?

Max Evans



The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien



Black Beauty

Anna Sewall

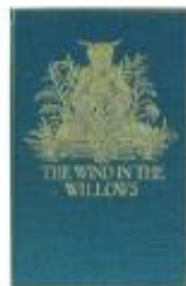
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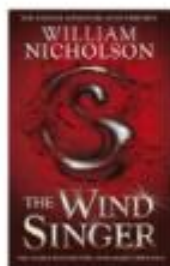
The Demon Headmaster  
Gillian Cross



Lion Boy  
Zizou Corder



The Wind in the Willows  
Kenneth Grahame



The Wind Singer  
William Nicholson



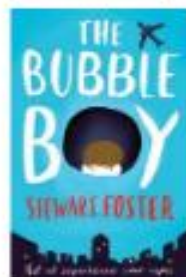
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit  
Judith Kerr



How to Train Your Dragon  
Cressida Cowell



A Library of Lemons  
Jo Cotterill



The Bubble Boy  
Stewart Foster



The House With Chicken Legs  
Sophie Anderson



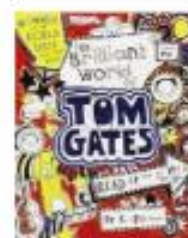
The Boy Who Swam the Ocean in an Armchair  
Lisa Williams



Pax  
Sara Pennypacker



My Brother is a Superhero  
David Salomon



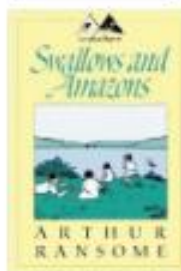
The Brilliant World of Tom Gates  
Lisa Fiedler



Black Powder  
Abby Sherrick



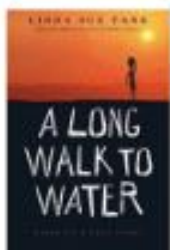
Sweet Pizza  
G.R. Gorman



Swallows and Amazons  
Arthur Ransome



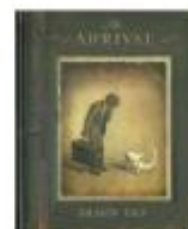
Strange Star  
Emma Carroll



A Long Walk to Water  
Linda Sue Park



Sad Book  
Michael Rosen



The Arrival  
Shaun Tan



Ballet Shoes  
Noel Streatfeild



## 100 Books To Read In Year 5 and 6



Watership Down  
Richard Adams



Swimming to the Moon  
Jane Fildes



Carrie's War  
Nina Rowden



Peter Pan  
JM Barrie



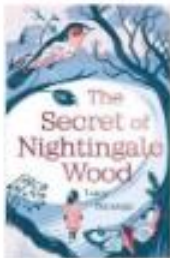
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls  
Emma Carroll



Winter Magic  
Stories by Various Authors



Worry  
David Almond



The Secret of Nightingale Wood  
Lucy Strange



The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
Brian Selznick



There Was an Old Man  
Peter Tooley



Skulduggery Pleasant  
David Almond



Howl's Moving Castle  
Hayao Miyazaki



101 Poems for Children  
Carol Ann Duffy



The Goldfish Boy  
Lisa Thompson



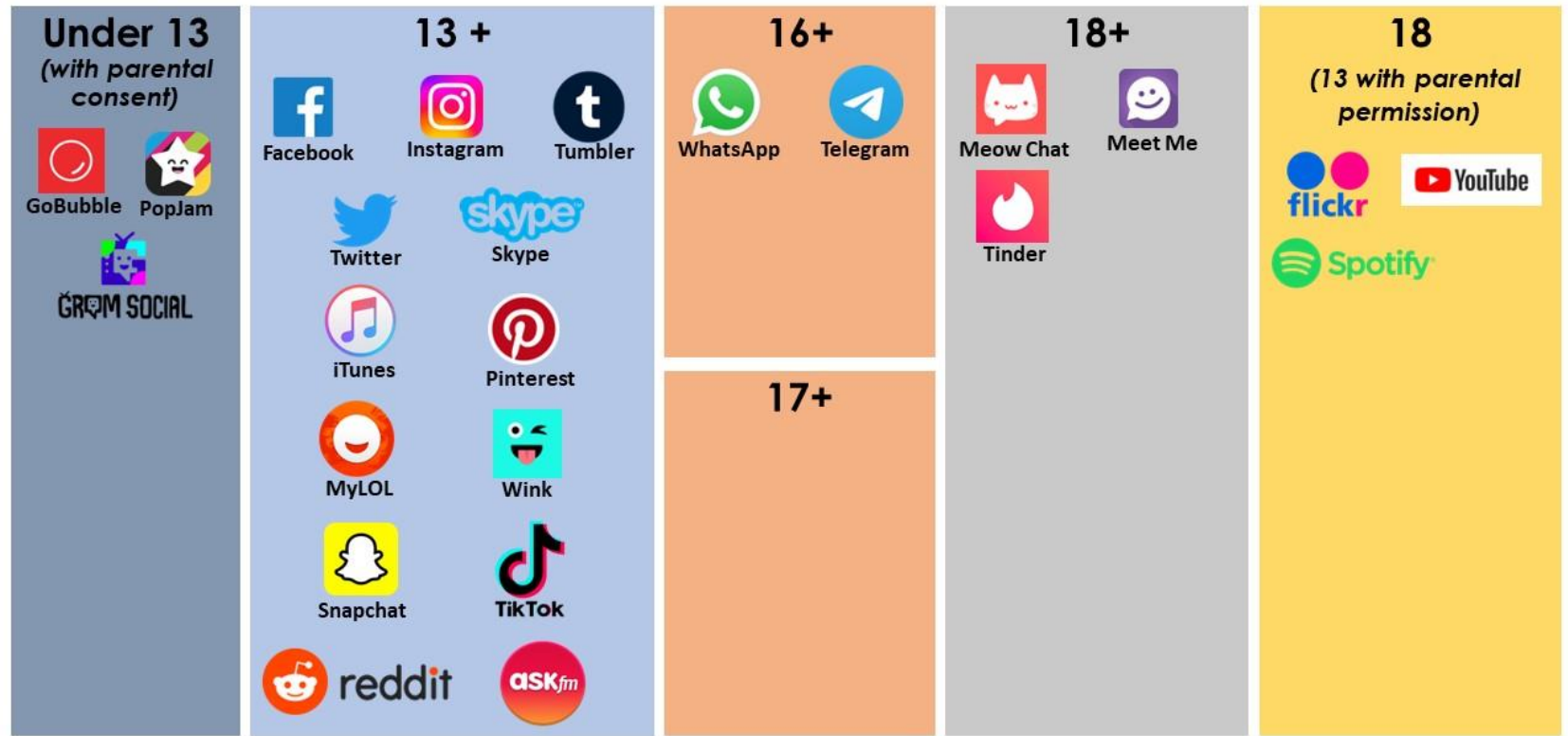
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane  
Kate DiCamillo



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz  
L. Frank Baum

# Online Safety

## Social Media Age Restrictions



\* Please continue to discuss online safety and monitor social networks and sites that children are accessing

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=GEN\\_-\\_Safety\\_-\\_\[\\_Phrase\]&utm\\_term=e-safety&gclid=CIXt97y5hM8CFQaNGwod4qgDMQ&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN_-_Safety_-_[_Phrase]&utm_term=e-safety&gclid=CIXt97y5hM8CFQaNGwod4qgDMQ&gclsrc=aw.ds)



# PGL - Bawdsey Manor



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

# \* PGL Update

## Staff Attending

Mrs Matthews, Miss Mitchell, Miss Dooley, Mrs Cox, Mrs Meech, Mrs Hassell

Medical forms to be returned ASAP please. If any child is in need of additional support, we will be in touch soon to discuss.

Dorm rooms will be decided in the coming weeks. They will be in same sex groups of 4 or 6.

Reminder that no communication devices are allowed including Apple watches etc.

**We will be doing 2 water activities so children will need 2 changes of clothes they do not mind getting wet, including shoes. They will also need an additional towel. They should bring a plastic bag to put wet clothing into. Please do label EVERYTHING!**



# \*PGL Update

Children should not bring wellies - they cannot do activities in them and they will just fill with water during raft building.

Children can bring a sensible amount of snacks, including sweets, for when they are in the dorms. Please no nuts.

Although there is a huge array of food to choose from at meal times (and the catering staff will take requests), it may be worth sending healthier snacks such as fruit, cereal bars etc if your child is particularly fussy.

Children can bring up to £12 with them to spend in the gift shop. Please could this be split into 4 individual, named envelopes of £3 per day. They will be given a short amount of time to visit each day.

# \*PGL Update

Children should wear their PGL clothes to school on the Monday morning.

They should bring their cases through the office entrance and parents should present staff with any necessary medication then.

Children should be able to carry their own case as they may need to take them up stairs (so try not to over pack!)

# \*PGL Update

They should bring their packed lunch in a disposable bag so it can be thrown away before we leave.

The coach will arrive at 12:30pm ready to depart at 1pm. Parents are welcome to come and wave the children off.

Please see the kit list on the following page and refer to the PGL page on the school website for all the information.



## CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and/or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities.



☐ T-shirts

☐ Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts

☐ Waterproof jacket

☐ Fleece/jumpers

### ☐ Tops & jackets

### ☐ Trousers or leggings

but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet



### ☐ Underwear & socks

*Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities.*

### ☐ 1 or 2 sets of clothes for the evening



### ☐ Suitable nightwear

## TRAVELLING IN THE...



### ...SUMMER?

☐ Shorts

☐ Baseball cap/sun hat

☐ Sunscreen



### ...WINTER?

☐ Warm coat

☐ Hat and gloves

## Lost property

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact PGL. Postage will be charged for returning lost items.

## Study courses and sports weekends

Groups taking part in study courses and sports weekends e.g. netball/football, should bring appropriate clothing/footwear for these activities.

## FOOTWEAR

☐ 2 pairs of trainers

1 for activities

1 old pair for watersports

☐ 1 pair of dry shoes for evening activities



## OTHER ITEMS

☐ 2 towels

1 for showering

1 old one for activities

☐ Reusable drinks bottle



☐ Small rucksack/bag

☐ Labelled bin bag for wet and dirty clothing



☐ Sleeping bag or duvet and pillow (unless otherwise advised)

☐ Washbag including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste (please do not bring Aerosols)

## PLEASE DO NOT BRING

✗ Electrical devices

✗ Computer games

✗ Jewellery/valuables

✗ Aerosols

If you bring your mobile phone, please note, it is not covered by our insurance.

