

**Year 6**  
**Welcome meeting**

# Staff

Teachers: Miss Mitchell (Gold Class & Key Stage 2 Leader)

Mrs Matthews (Silver Class)

Mrs Robertson (PPA cover - all day in Silver on Thursdays and Gold on Fridays)

LSAs/1:1s: Miss Dooley (HLTA)

# 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.

Our school colours are **PURPLE** and **GOLD**

Sweatshirt/Cardigan	Purple
Fleece	Purple
Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore	Grey
Polo Shirt	Gold
Girls' Dresses	Purple or Yellow Gingham
Footwear	Black shoes, no heels (no trainers)



# 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 handed in to the class teacher upon entering the classroom
- \* Please encourage children to develop their independence by remembering their own belongings for the day

# Organisation

Children should sanitise their hands upon entering the classroom and will wash their hands/sanitise regularly throughout the day. They can bring their own hand sanitiser if they wish.

If your child or anyone in your family displays any coronavirus symptoms (**a high temperature; a new, continuous cough or a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste**) then PCR tests should be taken and any positive cases should isolate according to track and trace guidance. Please inform the school.

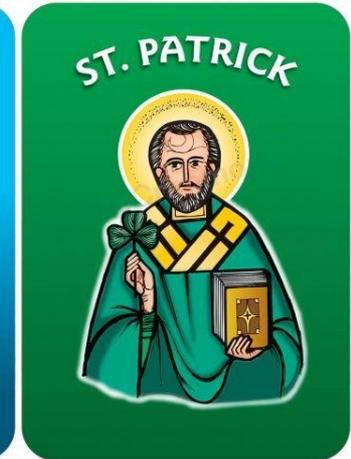
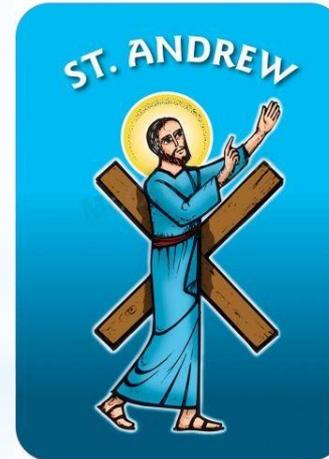
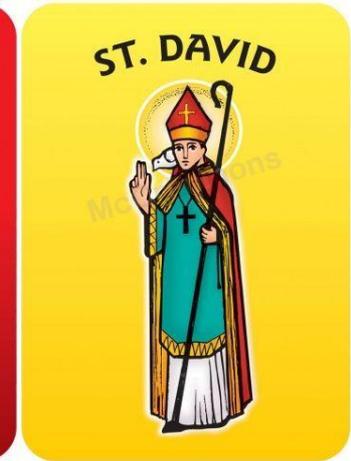
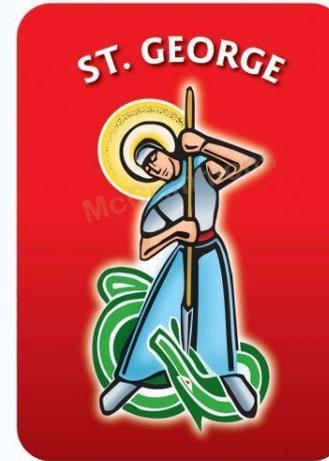
# PE

## 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 and earrings removed.



# Topics

## **Autumn - Ancient Greeks**

### Trips/Events:

PGL - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

Greek dress-up day - Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Science Museum - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

Christmas Pantomime - tbc

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

## **Summer - Vicious Vikings**

Theatre trip - tbc

# 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 their 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://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/2231238/>

Date, book and page number		Comments <small>Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading</small>	
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W	15.9.21	pg 68-94	pg 94-106 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10
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WE			<input type="checkbox"/> 10
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Tricky words, or new words I have learned			

# Homework

- \* Children who cannot fluently recall their times tables should regularly practise on Times Table Rock Stars, Sumdog or other relevant apps as this will aid their basic understanding in all areas of maths.
- \* 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 Comprehension will be set 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 Homework

- \* Children in Year 6 are not given weekly spelling lists to learn, although they will still have tests or dictations in class based on the weekly spelling pattern.
- \* 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.

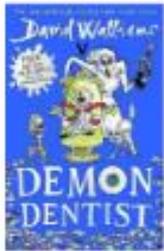
# \* Accelerated Reader

- \* Please ensure you have signed up to receive email updates about your child's progress.
- \* Please ask class teachers for your logins 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 new 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.

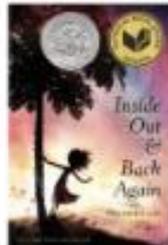
## 100 Books To Read In Year 5 and 6



Demon Dentist  
David Walliams



Goodnight Mister Tom  
Michelle Magorian



Inside Out and Back Again  
Thanhha Lai



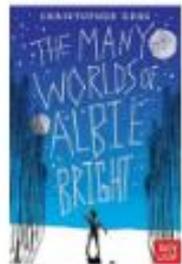
The Suitcase Kid  
Jacqueline Wilson



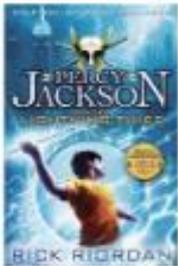
Mortal Engines  
Philip Reeve



Firegirl  
Tony Abbott



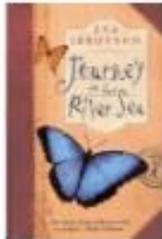
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright  
Christopher Edge



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief  
Rick Riordan



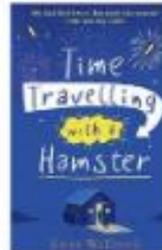
The Graveyard Book  
Neil Gaiman



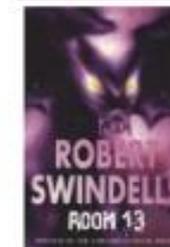
Journey to the River Sea  
Eva Robinson



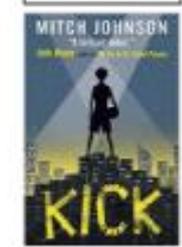
Five On A Treasure Island  
Enid Blyton



Time Travelling With a Hamster  
Ross Welford



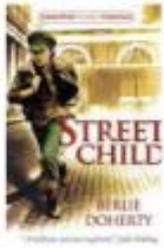
Room 13  
Robert Swindells



Kick  
Mitch Johnson



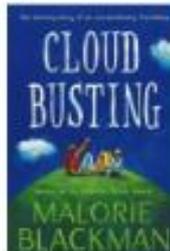
Millions  
Frank Cottrell-Boyce



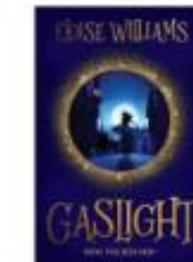
Street Child  
Berlie Doherty



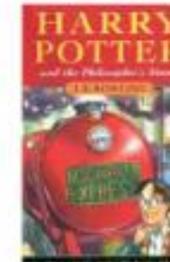
Cogheart  
Peter Bunzl



Cloud Busting  
Malorie Blackman



Gaslight  
Elsie Williams



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



The Imaginary  
A.F. Harrod

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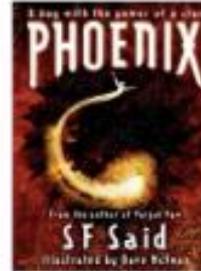
Matilda  
Roald Dahl



Ronauk's Kingdom  
Michael Morpurgo



The Crossover  
Kwame Alexander



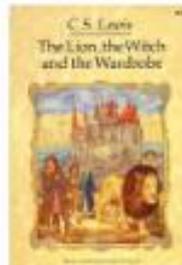
Phoenix  
S F Said



Charlotte's Web  
F B White



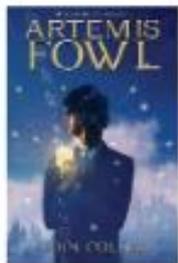
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland  
Lewis Carroll



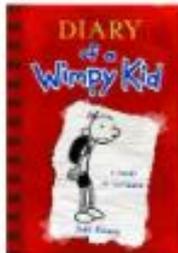
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe  
C S Lewis



Vig Of The Damp  
Clive King



Artemis Fowl  
Eoin Colfer



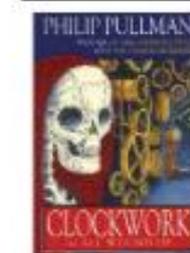
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid  
Jeff Kinney



Five Children and It  
E Nesbit



Beetle Boy  
M G Leonard



Clockwork  
Philip Pullman



The Secret Garden  
Frances Hodgson Burnett



Wonder  
R J Palacio



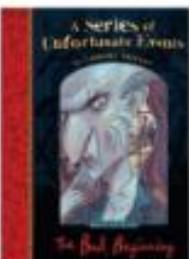
The Borrowers  
Mary Norton



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 Maitland



Holes  
Louis Sachar

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



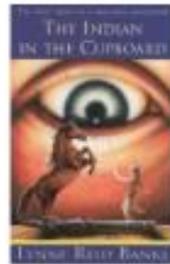
Once

Morris Gleitzman



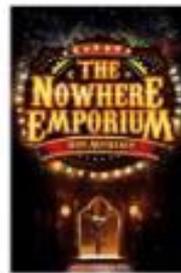
Groosham Grance

Anthony Horowitz



The Indian in the Cupboard

Lynne Reid Banks



The Nowhere Emporium

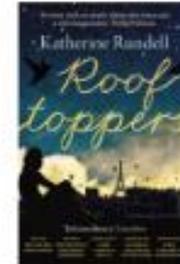
Ken MacLeod



ORANGES  
IN NO MAN'S  
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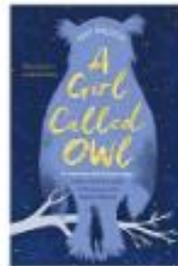
Oranges in No Man's Land

Claudiu Land



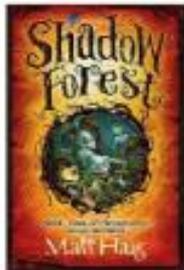
Rooftoppers

Katherine Rundell



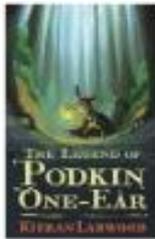
A Girl Called Owl

Amy Wilson



Shadow Forest

Matt Haig



The Legend of Podkin One Ear

Karen Lawrence



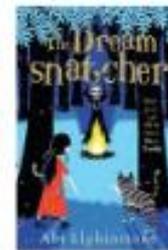
The London Eye Mystery

Nathan Brown



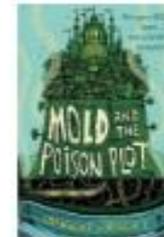
The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff

Andy South



The Dream Snatcher

Abi Elphinstone



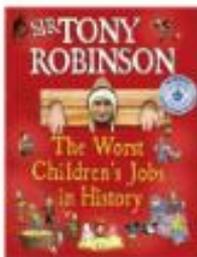
Mold and the Poison Plot

Katherine Rundell



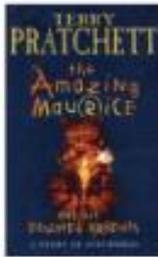
Flour Bables

Anne Fine



The Worst Children's Jobs in History

Tony Robinson



The Amazing Maurice and His Drinking Friends

Terry Pratchett



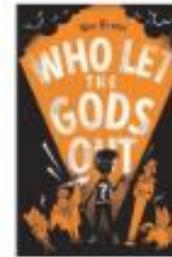
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Joan Aiken



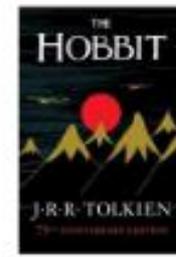
The Queen's Nose

Dick King-Smith



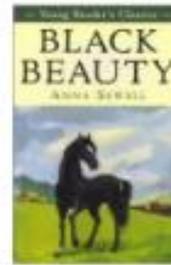
Who Let the Gods Out?

Max Evans



The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien



Black Beauty

Anna Sewell

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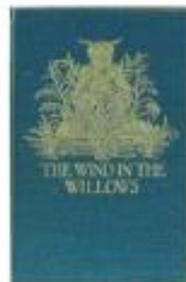
The Demon Headmaster

Gillian Cross



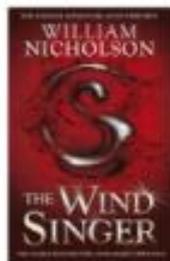
Lion Boy

Zizou Corder



The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame



The Wind Singer

William Nicholson



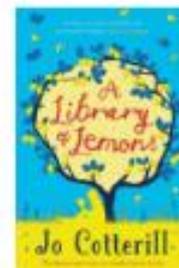
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Judith Kerr



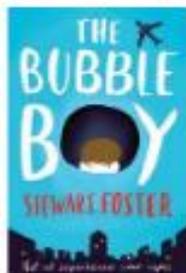
How to Train Your Dragon

Cressida Cowell



A Library of Lemons

Jo Cotterill



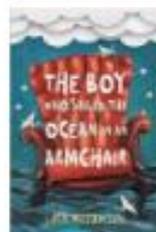
The Bubble Boy

Stewart Foster



The House With Chicken Legs

Sophie Anderson



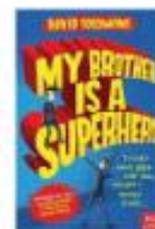
The Boy Who Swam the Ocean in an Armchair

Lisa Williamson



Pax

Sara Pennypacker



My Brother is a Superhero

David Salomon



The Official Guide to Tom Gates

Lisa Fiedler



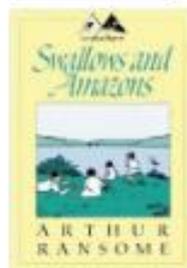
Black Powder

Ally Sherrick



Sweet Pizza

G.R. Gerson



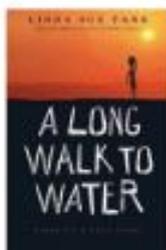
Swallows and Amazons

Arthur Ransome



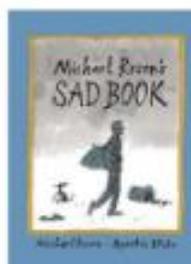
Strange Star

Emma Carroll



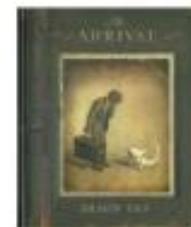
A Long Walk To Water

Linda Sue Park



Sad Book

Michael Rosen



The Arrival

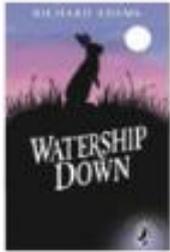
Shaun Tan



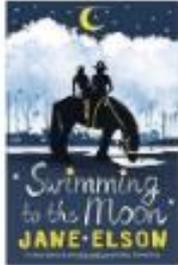
Ballet Shoes

Noel Streatfeild

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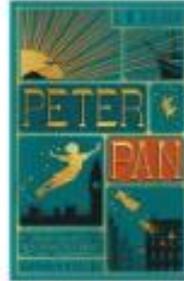
Watership Down  
Richard Adams



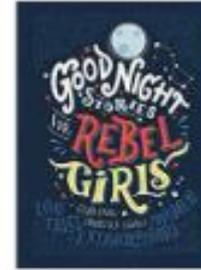
Swimming to the Moon  
Jane Yolen



Carrie's War  
Nina Bayden



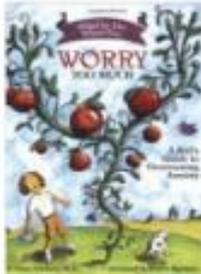
Peter Pan  
JM Barrie



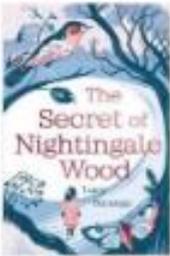
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls  
Francesca Sanna



Winter Magic  
Stories by Various Authors



Worry Worry Worry  
Dawn Fitzgibbon



The Secret of Nightingale Wood  
Lucy Strange



The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
Brian Selznick



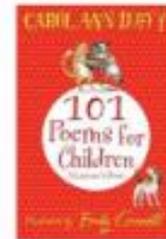
The Last Wild  
Peter Toonby



Skullbugger Pleasant  
Elizabeth Searle



Howl's Moving Castle  
Hayao Miyazaki



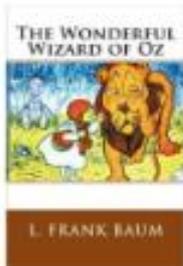
101 Poems for Children  
Carol Ann Duffy



The Goldfish Boy  
Lisa Thompson



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane  
Kate DiCamillo



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz  
L. Frank Baum

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret

14

LinkedIn

16

WhatsApp

17

Vine  
Tinder

18

Path

18 / 13 with parent's permission

YouTube  
WeChat

Keek  
Kik

Foursquare  
Flickr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 09/2014.

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# Online Safety

\* 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)

# Behaviour expectations

Action	Consequence
Good sitting and listening Showing respect to all adults Treating school property with respect Being polite to visitors Following school rules and class charters Being a good role model Being kind and a good friend to others	House points Dojos Star of the day 'Caught you being good voucher' Lunchtime raffle ticket Individual praise Text sent to parents Postcard sent home
Not completing homework on time	Complete homework in class during break/lunchtime
Disrespecting a member of staff	Removal of football/astro ticket and stand next to an adult on the playground for 5 mins
Rough play	Stand next to an adult on the playground for 15 mins
	Stand next to an adult on the playground for the whole lunchtime
Throwing food	Isolated lunch
Throwing objects in anger/destruction of school property Using offensive language Hitting/punching/kicking/spitting/biting	Time with a member of the Senior Management Team. parents to be informed (text or phone call)
Throwing objects to intentionally cause harm	Internal exclusion
Physically harming a member of staff	External exclusion

Time will increase if behaviour is not improved

# PGL - Bawdsey Manor



# \* PGL Update

## Staff Attending

Mrs Matthews  
Miss Mitchell  
Miss Dooley  
Mrs Keeley/Mrs Roberston

Medical forms to be returned ASAP please.

Dorm rooms will be decided the week before departure. They will be in same sex groups of 4 or 6.

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

### Tops & jackets

- Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
- Waterproof jacket
- Fleeeces/jumpers

*Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities.*

### Trousers or leggings

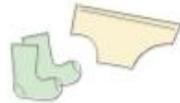
but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet



### 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.