

Year 6
Welcome meeting

Staff

Teachers

Miss Mitchell (Gold Class & Key Stage 2 Leader)

Mrs Matthews (Silver Class)

PPA cover

Mrs Robertson - alternate Thursday PM & every Friday AM in Gold

Mrs Head - all day Thursdays in Silver

LSAs/1:1s

Miss Dooley (HLTA)

Mrs Cox

Mrs Howard

Mrs Jacobs

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



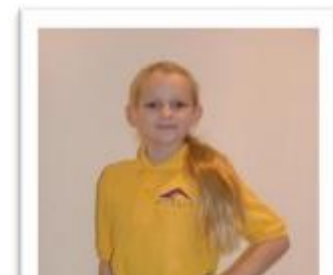
Parents are encouraged to support us in providing the suggested items of clothing which can be purchased either from our School Shop (Emblem in Wickford: 18 The Broadway, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7AA) or at www.myclothing.com. We believe that uniform helps to create a school identity and the children should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

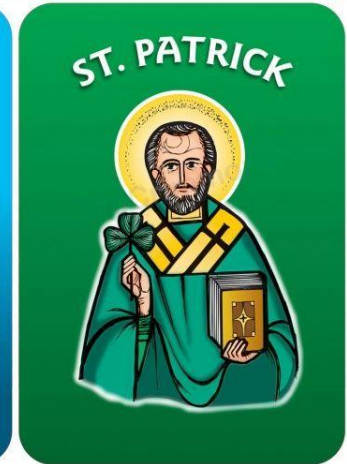
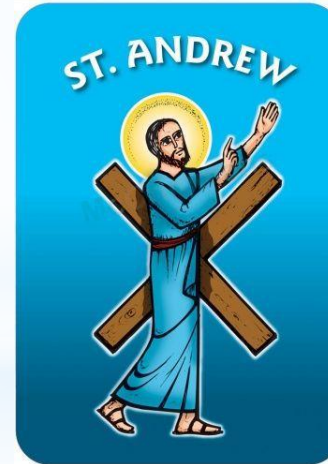
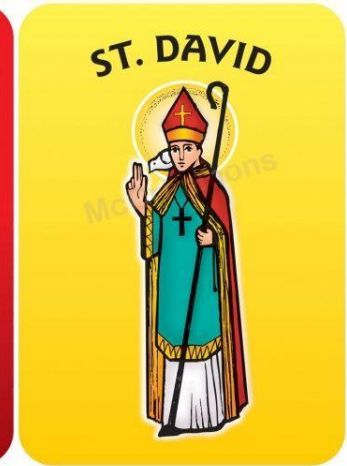
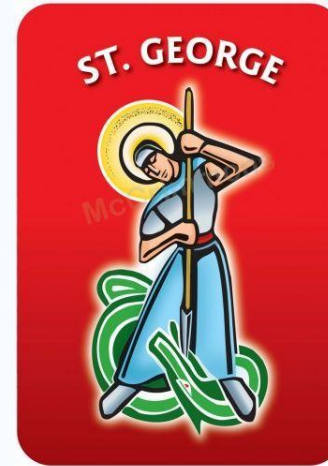
PE

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 removed.



Topics

Autumn - Ancient Greeks

Trips/Events:

Circus dress-up day - Thurs 5th October

PGL - Mon 9th - Fri 13th Oct

Greek dress-up day - Wed 18th Oct

Spring - Darwin's Dragons (Evolution and Inheritance)

Chelmsford Court trip - tbc

Summer - World War II

Theatre trip - tbc

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 <small>Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading</small>	
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Th	16.9.21	pg 106-132	pg 132-159 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10
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We			<input type="checkbox"/> 10
SIGNATURE			
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, EdShed 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 Reading 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 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.

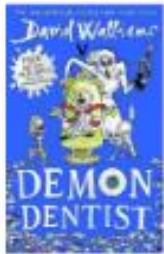
Accelerated Reader

- * 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 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.

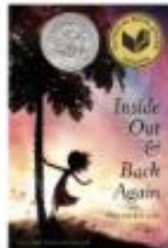
100 Books To Read In Year 5 and 6



Demon Dentist
David Walliams



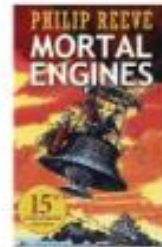
Goodnight Mister Tom
Michelle Magorian



Inside Out and Back Again
Thanhha Lai



The Suitcase Kid
Jacqueline Wilson



Mortal Engines
Philip Reeve



Firegirl
Tony Abbott



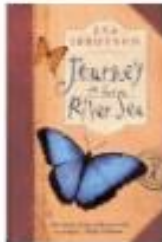
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright
Christopher Edge



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
Rick Riordan



The Graveyard Book
Neil Gaiman



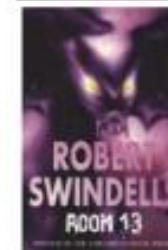
Journey to the River Sea
Eva Robinson



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



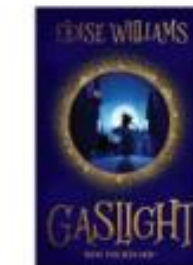
Street Child
Berlie Doherty



Cogheart
Peter Bunzl



Cloud Busting
Malorie Blackman



Gaslight
Elise Williams



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



The Imaginary
A.F. Harrod

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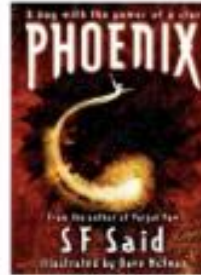
Matilda
Roald Dahl



Ronku's Kingdom
Michael Morpurgo



The Crossover
Kwame Alexander



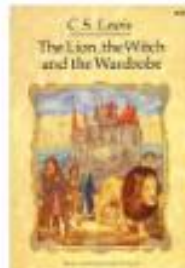
Phoenix
S F Said



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



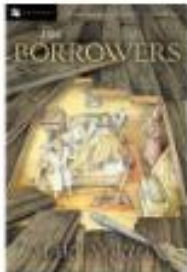
Clockwork
Philip Pullman



The Secret Garden
Frances Hodgson Burnett



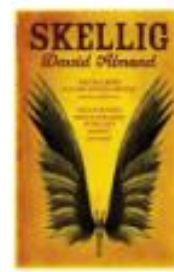
Wonder
R J Palacio



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



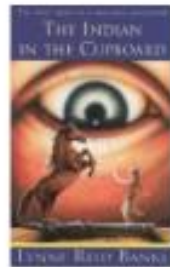
Once

Morris Gleitzman



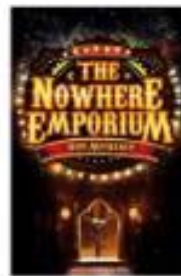
Groosham Grance

Anthony Horowitz



The Indian in the Cupboard

Lynne Reid Banks



The Nowhere Emporium

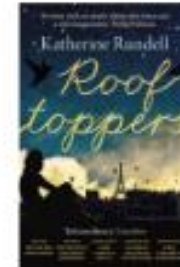
Ken MacLeod



ORANGES
IN NO MAN'S
LAND

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



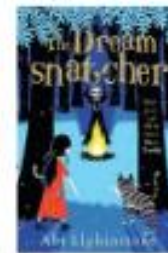
The London Eye Mystery

Nathan Brown



The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff

Andy South



The Dream Snatcher

Abi Elphinstone



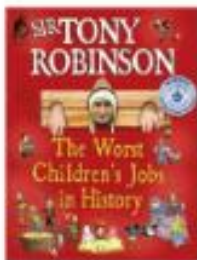
Mold and the Poison Plot

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



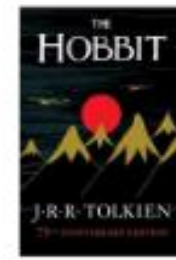
The Queen's Nose

Dick King-Smith



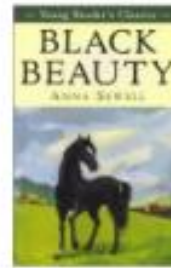
Who Let the Gods Out?

Max Evans



The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien



Black Beauty

Anna Sewell

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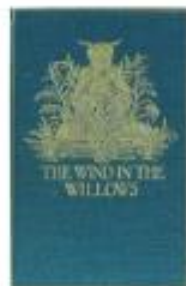
The Demon Headmaster

Gillian Cross



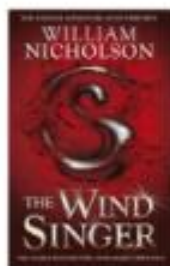
Lion Boy

Zizou Corder



The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame



The Wind Singer

William Nicholson



WHEN HITLER
STOLE PINK
RABBIT

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



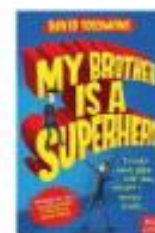
The Boy Who Swam the Ocean in an Armchair

Lisa Williamson



Pax

Sara Pennypacker



My Brother is a Superhero

David Salomon



The Worst Words in the World

Lisa Fiedler



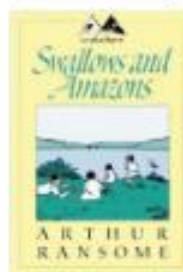
Black Powder

Ally Sherrick



Sweet Pizza

G & G Green



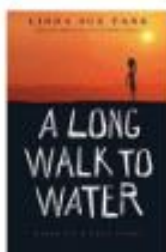
Swallows and Amazons

Arthur Ransome



Strange Star

Emma Carroll



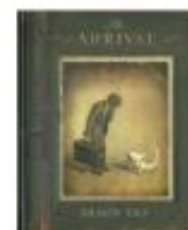
A Long Walk To Water

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 S. and Emma Carroll



Winter Magic
Stories by Various Authors



Worry Worry Worry
Dawn Hudson



The Secret of Nightingale Wood
Lucy Strange



The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Brian Selznick



The Last Wild
Peter Tooby



Skullbugger Pleasant
Franck's words



Howl's Moving Castle
Hans Miyake 2005



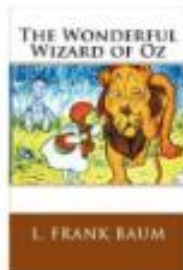
101 Poems for Children
Carol Ann Duffy



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

Under 13 <i>(with parental consent)</i>   GoBubble PopJam  GRAM SOCIAL	13 +    Facebook Instagram Tumblr   Twitter Skype   iTunes Pinterest   MyLOL Wink   Snapchat TikTok   reddit ask.fm	16+   WhatsApp Telegram 17+	18+   Meow Chat Meet Me  Tinder	18 <i>(13 with parental permission)</i>   flickr YouTube  Spotify
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* 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 Star of the day/week 'Caught you being good voucher' Lunchtime raffle ticket Individual praise Text sent to parents Postcard sent home
Not completing homework/class work on time	Time will be given during break/lunchtime for homework/classwork to be completed
Preventing classmates from learning e.g. continuous low-level disruption where warnings have already been given	Time out within own class, or in a different class for persistent and ongoing problems
Disrespecting a member of staff or pupil at break and lunch times	Stand with an adult on the playground and discuss behaviour until child is ready to rejoin their peers
Rough play	
Throwing objects in anger/destruction of school property Using offensive language Hitting/punching/kicking/spitting/biting	Time spent with a member of the Senior Management Team. Parents to be informed (text or phone call) Possible internal exclusion Possible external exclusion
Throwing objects to intentionally cause harm	Possible internal exclusion
Physically harming a member of staff	Possible external exclusion

PGL - Bawdsey Manor



* PGL Update

Staff Attending

Mrs Matthews, Miss Mitchell, Miss Dooley, Mrs Cox, Mrs Jacobs

Medical forms to be returned ASAP please.

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.

* 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.

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

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.

