



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you and your families had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting and enriching school year ahead. We have a busy term planned, filled with engaging learning opportunities and special activities to support your child's development and enjoyment of school.

In our class this year we will also have Miss Harvey-Chadwick helping us with our learning in Year 6. She is new to Hensingham Primary School, so I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming her into our school community.

Key Events and Weekly Activities

- PE Lessons will take place every Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.
- We are thrilled to be starting Forest School every Thursday this half term, beginning Friday 12th September. This is a fantastic opportunity for outdoor learning, teamwork, and developing resilience. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear.

Curriculum Highlights

- In English, will be reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, a powerful and thought-provoking novel that will inspire a range of writing activities. We will be creating balanced arguments and using these to help us write persuasive letters. We will also be exploring the characters within the story and using this understanding of the text to improve our own sections of the story.
- Our first topic in Maths, will be number and place value giving us a good opportunity to ensure our core mathematical skills are solid. We can then use this to help us to further recall, practise and extend our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.
- In Science, we'll be exploring classification of animals and plants, using a variety of systems to understand how living things are grouped and identified. Throughout this topic we will have opportunities to practically explore a range of ideas to test whether our core knowledge can be applied in practice.
- Our Geography topic will be Population and Migration. We'll investigate how populations change over time, the reasons behind these changes, and what influences where people choose to live.

Supporting Your Child

As always, we are here to support your child with anything we can do in school but there are a few things that can help to further support your child's education at home.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars. These skills are essential for success across the curriculum and provide a great way to further improve their skills.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year with your children and working together to support their learning and wellbeing.

Warm regards,

Eilidh Murphy Year 6 Class Teacher