



Year Six Newsletter

January, 2025

A **HUGE** welcome back from Mr Cole, Miss Baxter, Miss Patterson and Mrs Formby.



Website Reminder



We will be updating our website with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities. To access this information, including pictures and videos of the children learning, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 6.

Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media accounts more frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to!



Water Reminder

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. See section 4. If your child has a packed lunch a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.



Curriculum

This term, during Maths, Year 6 will be focusing heavily upon place value, calculations and fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, the children will be inspired by a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, including 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. From these, children will then create their very own piece of writing based on these books. Furthermore, the children will also have plenty of opportunities to read other books within our BUG club sessions and our ERIC sessions. In addition to this, the children will also be experiencing a broad range of different and interesting curriculum areas over Spring Term. In Science, the children will be learning all about biology, including plants, animals, evolution and inheritance; they will also be learning about electrical circuits and light and sound within Physics. In History, we will begin by looking at and learning about the Victorians. Our focus within Geography will be to understand place and location knowledge, as well as learning about a range of biomes and the transportation, which we use or have previously used. We will be studying the work of Piet Mondrian in Art, focusing upon the children attempting to recreate his style of drawing. In Design Technology, the children will be delving into the learning of motors, and will aim to create their very own model car, which will be able to run off a motor. Within RE, the children will be looking at a range of different religions, and how each of those show 'being good' in their own way. As always, we will be continuing our focus of being a SUPERB citizen- each week, looking at our SUPERB attributes self-aware, unique, problem-solving, empathetic, responsible and benevolent.

Homework - Spellings, KIRFS and Times Tables

Your child will be bringing homework home each Friday. The homework will be a mixture of spelling, punctuation and grammar, maths and reading. Times Table Rockstars will be set on the TT Rockstars website for your child. Thank you for your continued support with this - we know how busy home life can be!

Each week, your child will be given a spelling list to learn. Please support your child and help them to learn these words so that they can use them in class. The maths mat will be a focus each week in class. Also, we will continue to develop times tables knowledge through our fun Rockstars challenges. Times table knowledge and recall is vital as it assists all areas maths. Each week the children will have a specific times table to learn, which we will also work on in class, so please encourage them to practise these at home.



P.E.

All children will need to come to school in their appropriate outdoor kit (**plain** navy or black with **no logos**) every **Monday and Thursday**. Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. session for health and safety reasons – this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class, so please do this at home.

Dates for your Diary

Every Monday and Thursday: Please come to school in PE kit. Please ensure all earrings are removed.

Every Thursday: Homework returned.

Every Friday: New Homework issued.



Kind regards,
The Year Six Teaching Team