



## Year Six Newsletter September 2025



### Welcome to Year 6!

A **HUGE** welcome from Mrs Jenkins, Miss Patterson, Miss Offiler 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 year group pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: [www.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 6.

#### Social Media Reminder

Remember you can follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to! Please also send pictures of children's personal achievements in and we will endeavour to post these on our page too.



#### Curriculum

This term, during Maths, Year 6 will be focusing heavily upon place value, fractions, decimals and percentages as well as geometry including different shapes and angles. In English, the children will be given many opportunities to read, both in our 'Bug Club' sessions and in class ERIC time. In our writing units, the children will be looking at a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry including 'The Day the Crayons Quit', 'Cloud Busting' and 'A Thief in a Village'. The children will use these books to help create their very own pieces of writing which will include a range of spelling, punctuation and grammar features.

As well as this, we are looking forward to teaching a broad and exciting range of curriculum over the Autumn Term. In Science, the children will be learning about plants, animals, humans, evolution and inheritance in biology; and understanding electrical circuits, light and sound in Physics. Within our History lessons, we will be looking at Ancient Greece. The focus in our Geography lessons will be to improve place and location knowledge, as well as learning about a range of biomes and transportation. We will be studying the work of Henri Matisse in Art, focusing upon the children attempting to recreate his style of work using paint and collage. In Design Technology, the children will become aspiring chefs and will be creating their very own spaghetti bolognese. In Computing, the children will be focusing on communication and collaboration within computing networks, and website creation. Within RE, we will be exploring whether you have to believe in a God to be good and how valuable religion is in today's society. Finally, during our Personal Development lessons, we are going to be working on ensuring we are SUPERB citizens – there will be a weekly focus on each of our SUPERB attributes (self-aware, unique, problem-solving, empathetic, responsible and benevolent).

#### Habits of Mind

This term we are introducing our school community to the **Habits of Mind by Arthur L. Costa** – a set of thinking dispositions that help children become confident, capable, and resilient learners. The first habit we are focusing on is **Striving for Accuracy**. This means encouraging pupils to check their work carefully, take pride in doing their best, and recognise that effort and persistence make a real difference. At school, we are supporting children to slow down, reflect, and improve their work step by step. You can encourage this habit at home too by praising your child's effort when they take extra care, whether it's finishing homework neatly, building something carefully, or even helping in the kitchen. Together, we can help our learners see the value in aiming for accuracy and taking pride in doing things well.

#### Striving for accuracy

Check it again!



- ✓ Doing your best.
- ✓ Setting high standards.
- ✓ Fact checking.
- ✓ Finding ways to improve.

#### Homework - Spellings, KIRFS and Times Tables

Your child will be bringing homework home each **Friday**. The homework will be 10 spelling words, maths key instant recall facts (KIRFS) and TT Rockstars, which 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 KIRFS will also be regularly tested on a two-week cycle. Also, we will continue to develop timestables knowledge through our fun Rockstars challenges. Timestable knowledge and recall is vital



as it assists with all areas of 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.

**PE Days are as follows:**

6EP and 6CJ – Wednesday and Thursday

6TF and 6EO – Wednesday and Friday

All children will need to attend school in their appropriate outdoor kit (plain navy or black with **no logos**) on their specific day. 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 manage this at home.

### 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.

### Dates for your Diary

**Every Friday:** New homework set

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September-** 6EP & 7x EO -Bikeability

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September-** - 6CJ & 7x EO Bikeability

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September-** - 6TF & 8x EO Bikeability

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - PGL



Kind regards,

The Year Six Teaching Team