

# Year 6 Newsletter

Low Road and Windmill Music Federation

*"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud." —  
Maya Angelou*

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### Google Classroom

<https://classroom.google.com>

All pupils are now on Google Classroom. If you have any issues, the class codes are below

6E: **dpI7bhh**

6W (WM): **frojru3**

6W (LR): **js3yrnb**

Important information, messages to parents and homework will be accessed here. Please speak to a member of staff in school for support in logging on.

### Key dates

#### Virtual Reality Session

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – All Year 6 classes. One hour per class.

#### Enterprise

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 6W (Low Road)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 6W (Windmill)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – 6E

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had wonderful, restful break and are eager for the coming half term. The children are now fully in the swing of Year 6, understanding the expectations on them as the oldest children in school. This term we will build on strong foundations and start to look at readying the children for high school.. As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of staff in the Year 6 team, please do so in person at the beginning/end of the day or contact the school office either by telephone on **0113 271 2115** or through their email: [info@musicfederation.co.uk](mailto:info@musicfederation.co.uk)

### PE

Class	Days	
6E	Monday	Wednesday
6W (Windmill)	Monday	Wednesday
6W (Low Road)	Monday	Thursday

### Year 6 Staff Members

Class	Staff
6E	Mr Evans and Miss Hunter
6W (Windmill)	Miss Walker and Mrs Powell
6W (Low Road)	Miss Warren
Doves (Windmill)	Mrs Holderness



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## Homework

### Reading

Pupils must read at home at least 3 times a week and this can be signed by the pupil in Year 6. Pupils' reading book and reading record should be brought to and from school each day. Prizes will be awarded at the end of each half-term for regular readers.

### Spelling

Every Monday, your child will be given a set of spellings to learn. A paper copy of these will be sent home and they will also be posted on Google Classroom. The spelling practice sheets do not need to be returned to school. Pupils will be tested on their spellings on the Friday of the same week.

### English and Maths

Along with spellings, an English and Maths activity will be posted in your child's Google Classroom every Friday. This is to be completed by the following Friday.

Pupils are encouraged to access Times Tables Rockstars at home for 5 minutes every day. Login details have been shared. This will really impact on their mathematical understanding.

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## What will we be learning in the first half of the Spring term of Year 6?

### English

We have two different foci for our writing in Spring 1: biography and discussion. We will look at biographies and autobiographies. From our research, we will question and write a biography about a member of staff. Then, we move onto discussion. This builds upon our persuasion unit last half term with several of the key features still being used. However, there will be one key difference: we will be creating balanced arguments.

### Maths

After a tremendously successful half term navigating fractions, we will turn our attention to decimals and percentages. Luckily, fractions, decimals and percentages are all related so will have some fun exploring how they are equivalents of one another. After this, we will focus on converting measurements – looking at metric and imperial units – as well as beginning our ratio topic.

### Science

For our third Science unit, we learn about animals including humans. We will find out about blood – creating a model. From there, we will look at the heart and other key organs. Then we will study what 'diet' actually means. Finally we will investigate what affects pulse rate and end with a lesson on the harmful effects of alcohol and nicotine.

### Geography

As you can see from the header, we've switched back to Geography for this half term. Our unit name is 'Protecting The Environment'. This topic covers a lot of real world issues. We will look at the difference between non-renewable and renewable sources of energy, current environmental issues, threats to the ocean and create a sustainability enquiry which use data to inform and persuasive letter.

**Music** – All pupils will continue with their instrument lessons each week.

**PE** – In PE, pupils will learn Gymnastics with their class teacher and Tag Rugby with our PE coach, Mr Harling.

**Art** – This half term we will be focussing on painting.

**RE** – The key question: 'How does growing up bring responsibilities and commitments?' will be discussed and answered in the first unit of Religious Education.

**PSHE** – The third unit of Year 6 PSHE is 'Weighing Up Risk'. Pupils will learn about risk and how to reduce the possibility of risk. We will look at the law and how it is related to drugs, including alcohol and smoking.

**Computing** – Mr. Bisiker will be working with Year 6 pupils throughout the year as their computing teacher. The third unit will be all about online safety. This links brilliantly with our PSHE topic and will reinforce what is discussed in class on a weekly basis.