

Gold Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2024

"Act as if what
you do makes a
difference. It does."

—WILLIAM JAMES

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had a good Summer.

This is a big year, Year 6. We have a great programme of events throughout the year to support your child through to the end of key stage 2 and prepare them for their next adventure in key stage 3!

In class

Mrs Green will work with us throughout the week as we split for maths and literacy groups (Tues - Thurs).

Mrs Green will also lead the class in the afternoon on a Tuesday and Wednesday and **Mrs Blow** will also teach in Gold Class on Tuesdays. **Mrs Flint** and **Miss Reynolds** will support us in class throughout the week. What a super team!

Curriculum

Please see the planning documents on the Morden Primary website for information on our wider curriculum learning journey over the Autumn Term.

Reading

Reading Journals **must** be handed in on the following mornings, with the expectation that your child has read with you for **20 minutes** at least **5 times** over the previous week:

Monday – Comet; Tuesday – Firecrown; Wednesday – Rufous; Thursday – Xantus; Friday - Zafiro

If I can share one message with you at the start of the school year, it is the importance of reading.

Benefits of reading for 20 minutes at least 5 times a week*

1. Reading extends and improves vocabulary.
2. Reading makes all subjects easier to access (questions in maths, research in history, etc).
3. Reading inspires wild imaginations.
4. Reading encourages creativity and story-telling.
5. Reading helps to develop empathy.
6. Reading provides a deeper understanding of the world.
7. Reading supports focus and concentration.
8. Reading together creates a special bond and shared family interests.

9. Reading supports cognitive development.

10. Reading can help social skills and interactions.

[*WHY IS READING IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN? | DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS \(HIGHSPEEDTRAINING.CO.UK\)](https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk)

Home Learning

Year 6 Maths – White Rose Maths Practice Journal

Year 6 English – CGP KS2 10-minute weekly workouts

These will be sent home on a **Thursday** and must be returned to school the following **Tuesday**. Home Learning will be marked together in class.

Please see the **home learning overviews** for **Maths** and **English** for more information, including a break down of tasks linking to work in school over the half term.

There will also be a half-termly project linked to a wider curriculum subject – this term it's French! Please see the project overview document for more information.

Spellings and **Times Tables** are so important in Year 6 and underpin all our learning in maths and English. The 'little and often' approach is best to improve fluency, accuracy and confidence in both times tables and spellings.

PE

PE will take place every **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure that **your child wears their PE kit to school** on these days.

Dates

6.9.2024 – Y6 Meet The Teacher Session

10.9.2024 – Curriculum Evening

9.10.2024 – Individual and sibling photos

10.10.2024 – Parents Evening

15.10.2024 – Healthy Masculinity Workshop

16.10.2024 – Flu Vaccinations

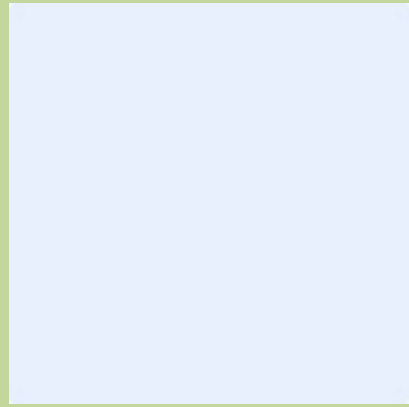
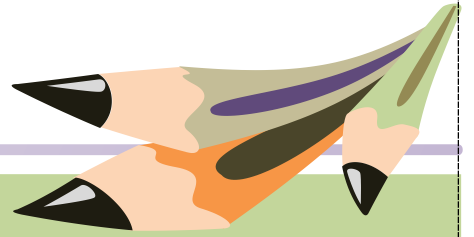
17.10.2024 – Harvest Delivery to FISH

18.10.2024 – Wear it Red – Show Racism the Red Card

I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning. Let's go Team Gold!

Mrs Torreiro





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