

# Class MY Newsletter 2025-26 Autumn 1



A huge, huge welcome back to everyone! Hopefully everyone has had a fabulous summer and is raring to go! Moving into Y6 may well bring mixed emotions (from pupils and parents). There is the excitement that comes with being the oldest in school and the opportunities this brings mixed with the rollercoaster of emotions that are linked to the final year of primary. Rest assured that this is completely normal and you have an experienced team of people ready to help.

From Monday to Wednesday, MY is taught by Mrs Heron with Mrs Lawson taking over the reins on Thursday and Friday. We work closely to ensure that the continuity is there just as if children had been taught by the same adult all week. However, it also provides a fantastic opportunity for children to work with a wider range of adults to prepare them for secondary school. We are also fortunate that we will have support from Miss Hackney each morning for maths and from Mrs Rutter each afternoon.

## **What will we be learning?**

Please see the attached overview which outlines what we will be covering in each subject from week to week. Please note that this is a plan to show the sequence of learning but that things may alter week to week depending on what happens in school.

## **Key information:**

- ❖ **P.E. kits:** A friendly reminder that our school PE kit is a red t-shirt and black shorts/ joggers. We will be outdoors as much as possible so appropriate coats/hoodies are always a good idea. We are asking children to come to school wearing their PE kit for lessons on **TUESDAYS** (swimming/rounders) and **FRIDAYS** (basketball/ forest schools). Swimming will start on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- ❖ **Reading** fluently is the single most important academic skill children should leave primary school with. We dedicate a fair part of our week to reading related activities including reading with an adult, independent reading, exploring reading comprehension and discussing famous authors/books. Your part at home is to ensure your child reads regularly ***(at least two times a week)***. This will form part of their weekly homework and will be monitored.
- ❖ **Spellings** – we will have regular sessions in school where we explore how to spell words linked to a particular spelling rule. As part of these sessions, we will

practice using these words in sentences. Children will also be asked to learn some essential spellings. All of these words will be practiced regularly in school. At the end of each half-term, we will have a spellathon where we can see how well children have managed to learn these spellings.

- ❖ **Memory maths** will be taught regularly and involves revisiting areas of maths that were taught previously. It is designed to help transfer learning into the long-term memory. Homework tasks will also be linked to memory maths sessions.
- ❖ **Multiplication & division facts** – Research shows that being secure with these key facts supports being a successful mathematician. Where there are gaps, we will be using activities to improve fluency and confidence. Any help you can offer with this would be fantastic!
- ❖ **Homework** – Mrs Heron will be giving out her homework on a **Wednesday** and it is expected to be completed by **Monday**. This half-term, homework will focus on a small number of maths questions linked to our Memory Maths for the week and reading at least twice a week. Children can ask for help in school before the hand in day. Any homework not completed will be done during Monday morning break as we will be marking it together after break. It can't be stressed enough that completing homework and handing it in on time is an important skill to master ahead of the move to Secondary School. Mrs Lawson will give out reading comprehension homework on a **Friday** and it is due in on the following **Thursday**. This will begin in week 2.
- ❖ **Responsibilities around school:** children in Y6 are given many opportunities to help around school and they have a very important job of being first-class role models as they are the oldest in school. We are looking forward to seeing who rises to this challenge.

**A final word** ...As always, if you've got any questions or concerns catch us at the end of the day or contact the school office and leave a message. The door is always open. Mrs Heron can be contacted via email ([nicolaheron@gatedu.org](mailto:nicolaheron@gatedu.org)). Please note that as I teach in class Monday to Wednesday, I can't guarantee that I will see emails so should anything be urgent please email the office as usual.

Mrs Heron, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Rutter and Miss Hackney.

