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Autumn 1 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 6 classes. The excitement is palpable (both theirs and ours).

As you know, Year 6 is jam-packed with learning, transition, trips and so much fun. We are delighted with the first few days of school – we couldn't have asked for a better start!

This newsletter is a quick outline of the first half term. If you would like to speak with us about anything in greater depth, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gambier Miss Holder

KEY DATES

17th Sep
TRIP Horniman Museum

23rd Sep – Photos

1st Oct TRIP
6BH Gurdwara
2nd Oct TRIP
6RG Gurdwara

5th Oct
Nasal Flu Vaccine

17th Oct
Greek Day

21st, 22nd Oct
Parents' Evening

24th Oct
Last Day of Half Term

Maths In maths, we will be working on our number fluency, including comparing, ordering and rounding whole numbers up to ten million. The children will build upon previous number learning, including the four operations, factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers and the order of operations.

Literacy We are beginning the year with the beloved book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. This will be our focus for reading and literacy lessons. A few weeks in, our focus will shift to Ancient Greek myths to tie in with our learning in history. The children will be refining their understanding of writing to create atmosphere, convey character and the use of expanded noun phrases. Children are welcome to bring in their own copy of the book if they'd like.

Science this term will be all about electricity. We will be building on the children's prior knowledge of circuits, looking at how the circuit may be affected when changes are made to it. The children will also use symbols to represent simple series circuit diagrams.

Foundation

The wider curriculum will also provide the children with some great learning experiences this term. In RE, we are looking at Sikhism and the children are continuing to develop an understanding of the importance of a Gurdwara as a place of worship for the community, the symbols and the rituals that take place. In history, we will be taking a deep dive into Ancient Greece, learning about what life was like during this period. For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

Home Learning

Every week children will be assigned an LbQ maths activity (Independent) tailored to their learning goals. They are expected to read an age-appropriate book for 20 minutes every evening as well as practise their spellings and visit LbQ or TTRS every day. This works out to roughly 30 minutes per day. If you find that this doesn't work for your child, please let us know and we can make amendments. Encourage your child to record their books and pages read in their Reading Records.

Walking Home Alone/Mobile Phones

Some families decide to let their Year 6 children walk home alone and carry a mobile phone with them to school. Mobile phones are not allowed in the classroom and must be handed in to the school office every morning. They will be returned to your child at the end of the day. Children are requested to keep phones off until they have left the school gates.

If you would like to give your child permission to walk home on their own, please email the school office. This ensures we have a record of your child's permissions.

PE is on Mondays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

Please ensure your children have appropriate footwear (trainers, no sandals/sliders) on those days. If your child cannot take part in PE due to illness or injury, please provide them with a letter to inform the class teacher.

School Journey

We are already getting excited about the Year 6 School Journey to PGL Osmington Bay in March 2026! There will be an initial letter about this sent to you in the coming weeks which will detail the cost and the dates of the trip.

We look forward to sharing some of the children's wonderful learning with you at parents' evening later this term.

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Gambier and Miss Holder