



Year Six: Autumn 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Both James and Bridget, in the Year Six team, are thrilled about joining The Belham and teaching Year 6. We can't wait to welcome your children on their return to school this Monday. We look forward to meeting you, in due course, either in person or virtually. Please feel free to get in touch using the messaging system within Class Dojo.

We have many exciting things planned for the coming term and this email will provide you with information. You will be able to find a topic map on the school website outlining the topic areas for learning.

The overarching theme of the Year 6 Curriculum is 'Conflict and Growth'. We begin by delving into the major events leading up to WW2, exploring how life changed for civilians and the impact of the war on the role of women. This will link with our first text *Once* which covers themes of Jewish persecution and migration. During this term we will explore important qualities of world leaders, and how celebrations are created by different religions. Through studying the work of Maggie Hambling and Alexa Meade we explore texture, perspective, colour, hue and tint.

Supporting your child's learning

Provide opportunities for practical mathematics: making, cooking, designing. Allow them to handle money including checking change. Practice times tables and number facts, discuss patterns or tricks.

We will continue to promote a love of reading and still expect children to be reading at home for 20 minutes per night, this should be recorded in their reading records (they can record, or you can).

Physical Development & Outside Learning

It is vital that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a draw-string bag) with them each week—we suggest that they bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday as often PE lessons may be moved to accommodate other activities.

Our PE lessons will be on a Monday (Gymnastics) and Wednesday (Football).

Reminders

Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits and water bottles, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

Please make sure that you are linked to the class Dojo account and that you are checking it regularly for updates.

Check Schools Buddy for details of trips and events.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

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