



Welcome to Year 6 Amethyst Class 2024 - 2025



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had a nice summer break and ready for the academic year ahead. We are excited about being part of Amethyst Class and we look forward to working with you all this year.

This term's topic has a history focus where we will be studying World War Two. Our science focus is Electricity. Please check the website in the coming weeks for a termly overview of what your child will be learning in all subjects.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle every day, reading book and school diary, named clothing for any sports clubs and a healthy snack for break time (fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, cereal bar (no nuts), raisins etc.). Please no crisps, biscuits or cakes.

P.E

Our P.E days this term are Monday and Thursday. Swimming will take place on a Wednesday morning so necessary items need to be in school. Swimming kits must be plain black or dark colours please.

Your child needs to come into school wearing their PE kit on a Monday and Thursday. They need their purple t-shirt, black shorts, trainers and a tracksuit, which needs to be black or a dark colour. Please ensure that jewellery is not worn on these days. Earrings are not allowed to be taped up and must be removed. All PE kit must be clearly named.

Diaries and reading books

Your child will receive their own diary which will be used in school, as well as at home, to record important dates as well as show their reading progress. It is important to record in this book when your child has read to an adult. Even in Year 6, it is so important to hear your child read out loud. They can also record their own independent reading. Diaries must be brought into school each morning and then taken home at the end of the day.

Your child needs to have a reading book in school each day. The book can be from our school library, one of the books from our book corner or even a book from home which is of appropriate challenge. When they have finished reading their book, it is your child's responsibility to change it for a new one.

Spelling

In Year 6, the children will be using an online programme called Spelling Tutor. Spelling Tutor uses sentences with memorable pictures to teach all children to spell. Words are repeated, using spaced repetition, until the word is stored in their long-term memory. Children write words on paper, from dictation. They mark their own work, giving ownership and responsibility for learning to spell. It teaches 90% of everyday words, including all the words in the National Spelling Curriculum. We will access Spelling Tutor in school three times per week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, so if you

would like to use this with your child at home on the other days, you are more than welcome to however there is no expectation to.

Homework

In order to prepare your child for the expectations of secondary school, your child will receive two pieces of homework each week: a maths task related to their learning in class, and either a reading or grammar activity. This homework will be sent out on a Thursday and it is expected back in on the following Tuesday. It is also expected that your child reads for 20 minutes per day and they can record this in their diaries.

Helping in class

We welcome parents to help with reading and other activities in school. A DBS check will be required. If you would like to become a regular helper in school, please do let us know which days and times you are available.

We look forward to working with you closely this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Barrett, Mrs Samuel, Mrs James and Miss Whiskin