



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR 6

Welcome to Year 6! We would like to start by saying how excited we are to be teaching this fantastic class again and we are looking forward to supporting them during their final year at High Hesket CE School. There will be lots of transitional activities taking place throughout the year and the children will also have a range of opportunities to develop their wider responsibility and independence. As always, if you would like to discuss anything about your child's experiences or progress, please do get in touch and we can arrange a time to chat. Our email addresses can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Water & fruit

As you will know, we encourage the children to have a refillable drinks bottle in school which should contain water only. The children are also welcome to bring a healthy snack which we do ask does not contain any nuts.

PE including swim / gym

This half term, our PE day will be on a Monday. We will also be completing a week of intensive swimming at Woggle Goggle in Penrith which will start on Monday 7th October and we will have a swimming session every day for the full week. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 6 trip to Carlisle

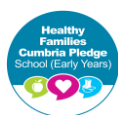
On Tuesday 24th September 2024, we have booked for the children to visit Carlisle Courts as part of our Crime & Punishment topic. We will also be walking around Carlisle City Centre to complete the Carlisle Street Art trail which will complement our Art & Design work back in school. We will be sending out a letter with further details about the trip shortly.

Homework

The children will be given spellings on a fortnightly basis linked to the rules we be exploring in our spelling sessions. We will be sending home a printed list for each half term with the spellings for each fortnight and these will also be added to Google Classroom. The children will be tested on the spellings on the Monday following the completed fortnight. In addition to this, we ask that the children read regularly at home, ideally on their Accelerated Reader book. Weekly practice on Maths Shed and/or Times Tables Rock Stars/Timestables.co.uk will also support what the children are learning in class. The children should already be familiar with these platforms but please let us know if you need any login details.

Captains / Vice captains / School council

In Year 6, we try and provide the children with lots of opportunities to take on additional responsibilities. These may be in the form of librarians, lunch time buddies, Collective Worship monitors and many other roles that arise throughout the year. For many years, we have had house teams (red, yellow, green and blue) and we have a nominated Captain and Vice-captain for each team. These are voted for by their team mates and the voting process will be taking place shortly. For any children who wish to put themselves forward for the role, they are invited to prepare a short speech which they will share with the rest of their team mates across the school. A private vote then takes place and the two candidates with the most votes will become Captain and Vice-Captain. A class vote for two school councillors will also take place. We are always so impressed with the efforts that the children put in to the preparation and we know that they are much sought after roles. Unfortunately, there we cannot allocate the roles to every child who would like to be captain and we do try and prepare the children as much as possible for any disappointment that may arise. We also endeavour to try and find wider roles throughout they year so as everyone has the opportunity to showcase their skills in a range of different ways.



Key Stage 2 SATs

You may already be aware that children in Year 6 undertake Statutory Assessment Tests towards the end of the school year. This year, SATs week will take place between Monday 12th May and Thursday 15th May 2025.

Curriculum – Autumn 1

The below table outlines the topics that we will be exploring at the start of the year and gives a brief overview of what we will be focusing on. Our class page on the website (PUPILS – CLASS PAGES – YEAR 6) also has termly overviews which provide more information about what they children will be learning.

Subject:	Topic:	Focus:
Maths	White Rose Maths	We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme and will be focusing on Place Value, Calculations, Measurements and Fractions.
English	Range of genres	We will be using a range of texts to explore different genres and then using this to inspire writing in a variety of styles. This will include reading the texts Holes, Skellig, The Mysteries of Harris Burdick and film clips such as ‘High Diving Giraffes’.
Science	Light	The children will explore how light travels and conduct investigations relating to this.
Humanities	Crime & punishment	We will explore the history of crime and punishment from Roman times to the present day and how this has impacted on society. We will look at chronology and changes over time, including a visit to Carlisle and participating in a mock trial relating to cyber bullying.
RE	Life as a journey	We will be using the Questful RE scheme to explore the concept of life as a journey. We will be reflecting on our own lives and discussing key moments that have occurred or may occur and how we prepare along the way. We will also be looking at the life journey of a Christian as well as comparing journeys that may occur on other religions.
Computing	Networks & communication	In computing, the children will learn about the world wide web as a communication tool.
Music	Happy!	We will be responding to and performing the song ‘Happy!’ by Pharrell Williams and looking at other pieces of music that are similar.
Art / DT	Street Art	Linking to our Humanities work, we will be looking at different styles of street art, including the work of Banksy. We will also be creating our own pieces of work inspired by graffiti.
PSHE	Dimensions Curriculum	Across our PSHE sessions, we will discuss our aspirations for the future, resilience and internet safety.

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – School reopens for the Autumn term

Monday 9th September 2024 – Fairtrade fortnight starts

Thursday 19th September 2024 – Global art trail exhibition for parents 3.30pm (more details to follow)

Tuesday 24th September 2024 – Year 6 trip to Carlisle Courts and street art trail

Wednesday 25th September 2024 – Harvest Festival & lunch (more details to follow)

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – Whole school project day (non-uniform and children may wear items in the colour of their team if desired)

Friday 25th October 2024 – School closes for half term holiday

Yours sincerely,

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