

Yorke Mead Primary School



**Welcome
to
Year 6**

WELCOME TO YEAR 6

We are delighted to welcome you to year 6 – your final year at Yorke Mead! We hope this will be a happy and successful year for everyone.

The Year 6 Team

This year Red Oak will be taught by Mrs Bates from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Arora on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Arora will also be in class for some parts of Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as well as managing her leadership role.

Mrs Feldman will be teaching White Oak from Monday to Thursday with Mr Furlong teaching on a Friday. Mr Furlong will take responsibility for leading PE in both classes.

Our teaching assistants are Mrs Holland, Miss Royal, and Mrs Lokuge.

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 6 team, if you have any questions or contact us using the year 6 email address: year.6@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk (We will endeavour to check emails regularly but please send urgent emails to the office).

Becoming independent:

As the children approach their final year at Yorke Mead, being able to organise themselves is key to assisting their learning.

Home Learning

Reading books should be in school every day. We encourage the children to read daily and to have their reading diary signed every time they read, with a minimum of three times a week.

A half termly spelling list will be given, detailing the spelling patterns for each week; these spelling patterns will be assessed by a half term spelling test. More information about this new approach to spelling will follow. For some children a more regular weekly test will be given if this links to their individual learning targets.

The children should also practise their times tables regularly using *Times Table Rock Stars* or any other times tables games.

Maths home learning and English home learning will mostly be set using TEAMS and needs to be completed and returned punctually. Maths and English homework will be set every week on Wednesday to be handed in by Monday.

In addition, for topic, a 'topic homework' grid will be given out at the beginning of the half term. This will list a number of activities that the children can choose from- the expectation being that they spend 1 hour a week on a task. The activities will range in length from 1-3 hours (project style).

Children who do not bring in their homework, will be expected to complete it in their own time at school (e.g. break time) so please help them to organise themselves as this is essential preparation for secondary school. If your child is reluctant or unable to do their homework at home, please encourage your child to talk to a member of Year 6 before the due date. Homework club will be available for children in year 6 supported by one of the school staff. This club is free of charge- please email the office if you would like your child to use this facility.

End of the School Day

Year 6 will exit school through the rear classroom doors. You may decide that your child is old enough to meet you at a quieter meeting point, on site or off site. If this is the case, or you plan to allow your child to walk home independently, we will need you to complete and return a consent form. This is a positive step in supporting the children's independence; you know your child best and can judge if they are ready for this. All children should be told that if the parent due to collect them is not there- to walk back to school their classroom. They should not go home with another parent or walk home on their own if this has not been planned.

TWITTER

Over the last few years Twitter has really taken off at Yorke Mead and it has become a great way for us to keep you updated about what is happening. Have you remembered to follow our year group page? Start following now and you won't miss out on anything.

@6YorkeMead

Things to bring to school



Reading Book

The children will all have a chance to choose a reading book from the school or class library and will be expected to read every day at home. As it is beneficial for children to read to an adult, we hope that you will be able to read with your child at least **once** a week, signing their reading records as you do so, so that they can be awarded with reading reward stickers. Children who are not reading regularly (at least 3 times a week), will be expected to read during their lunch time. Reading books need to be brought into school each day.

PE Kit

In Year 6 PE will take place on Monday and Friday.

We will be developing our skills in gymnastics, dance and games. Please ensure that your child is wearing their school PE kit on PE days. Appropriate kit is – black shorts, red T-shirt and trainers and for winter also tracksuit trousers and a warm top as we will continue to be outside.

Please note that any jewellery worn will need to either be taken off during PE lessons or taped down.

A Bottle of Water

We encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the school day. Children are expected to bring a named bottle of water (no juice), to school and will have the opportunity to refill these regularly. Please do not send children with frozen water, as the condensation makes tables and bags wet.

Snack

Children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat during the morning break. No chocolate, crisps or cereal bars please.



Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. Only plain stud earrings are allowed; no other jewellery or nail varnish should be worn in school. Long hair must be tied back with a plain hair band – no excessive hair accessories please.

Year 6 2023-24 Curriculum

We follow a creative curriculum at Yorke Mead School and aim to cover all the curriculum skills that children require within the different topics taught across the year. As well as Numeracy and Literacy lessons each day we will be studying the following themes through our topic work:-

Autumn 1:	Extreme Earth
Autumn 2:	Mayan Civilisation <i>Please note: Mayan Day Wednesday 29th November (details to follow).</i>
Spring 1:	Kings and Queens of Britain from 1066 to modern day
Spring 2:	The Tudors: the monarchs
Summer 1:	Pop Art
Summer 2:	Our Home –The UK