



Term 1 and 2 - Year 6

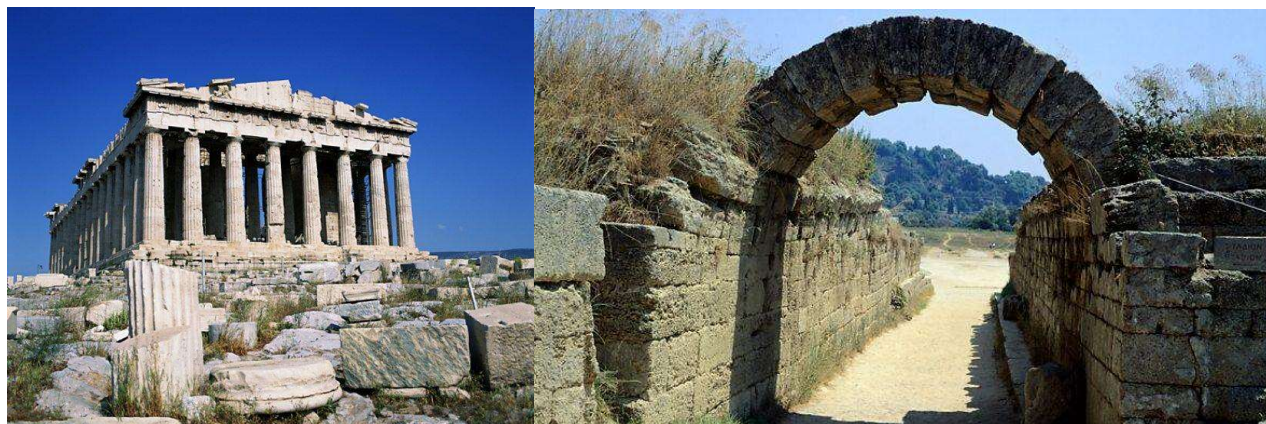
Friday 5th September, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer break. It has been exciting to hear about some of the people and places that the children have visited! There is a lovely sense of calm around Year 6, with pupils quickly settling into their new classrooms, getting into really good routines and showing a great eagerness to learn and succeed. The children are already fulfilling their responsibility to model fantastic behaviour to the other children in our school. They are ready to work each morning and have been very respectful to the staff and to each other. Our topic about the Ancient Greeks is a particularly exciting one, with both classes currently studying the popular myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We are also very excited about the forthcoming Greek Day on **Monday 29th September**, where we will be dressing up, playing games, examining artefacts, and taking part in drama and roleplay. We may even get to join in with our own version of the Olympic Games!

What Your Child's Year Group Will Be Learning This Term:

A Greek Odyssey...



As part of our topic on Ancient Greece, we will be looking at myths, discussing the life of Alexander the Great, learning about education and Greek gods, comparing Athens and Sparta, studying maps, pondering the importance of democracy, and talking about the Olympic Games.

In our art lessons, we will be exploring creative photographic techniques, making photomontages and self-portraits. Over the coming weeks and months, we will also be learning about light and electricity, sewing waist-coats, playing

goalball/volleyball, exploring Humanism, Islam and Christianity with Mrs Hunnisett, continuing to learn to speak Mandarin, making use of the Jigsaw resources for PSHE, learning about the life of Harriet Tubman, and continuing to develop our deeper understanding of mathematics. Year 6 will also be attending swimming lessons at RAF Brize Norton during the Autumn terms.

Supporting Your Children With Their Homework:

Each Friday, mathematics, punctuation/grammar and spelling homework will appear on the Year 6 Google Classroom page. Both the mathematics homework and the punctuation/grammar questions will relate to the work that the children have completed either that week, or recently, in their lessons. The expectation will be for children to spend around an hour completing the work, and for each child to do the very best that they can, thinking carefully about what has taken place in class. The work needs to be 'turned in' by the following Wednesday (or it can be completed in a homework book). Pupils will be awarded a house point for prompt handing in of their homework, with a further reward being received at the end of the term for consistent completion of the work. The children can further supplement their maths learning by spending time learning their multiplication tables or using Times Tables Rock Stars at home. Please see your class teacher if you would like a reminder of your child's log-in details. We will also continue to make use of Spelling Shed. Your child is expected to play games online, based around their weekly spellings. Work completed on their spellings will really help your child to achieve to the best of their ability in their weekly spelling test (Every Thursday during their spelling lessons). Pupils are also expected to read regularly at home, with three reads at home (signed for in their reading diaries) being worthy of a house point.

Forthcoming Trips and Visits:

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday 9th of September (At 2:30pm) for a 'Meet the Teacher' session that will provide all of the key information required for the current academic year. On Friday 19th September, we will be taking part in the Junior Citizen Programme at the Rewley Road Fire Station, in Oxford. You will receive a letter regarding this trip very shortly. Bikeability sessions are also taking place during the week of the 20th September, as well as a 'Greek Day' on Monday 29th September.

Uniform:

As we begin a new year, can we please remind you that the children need to wear the appropriate school uniform (listed below) on a daily basis. No make-up, nail polish or jewellery should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back at all times please. Year 6 children are also encouraged to wear outdoor shoes during break times. This allows us to keep the classrooms as tidy as possible. Our current uniform consists of:

Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain

Navy blue V necked cardigan, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain

White or navy polo shirt, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain

Grey school trousers or shorts,

Grey school skirt or pinafore dress,

Dark Navy gingham checked cotton summer dress,

Grey or navy tights, grey socks,

Black school shoes, no training shoes.

PE:



Year 6 PE sessions will take place on **Tuesdays (Swimming)** and **Fridays** each week. Children will need to have the following in school:

Navy logo PE shirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy t-shirt if you prefer,
Navy logo hoodie (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy hoodie if you prefer,
Navy shorts,
Navy jogging bottoms,
Training shoes.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and shoes are clearly named, as this aids a swift return if items are lost.

Water Bottles and Snacks:

Children should have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit or veg for break times; children can get very hungry by lunchtime if they have had nothing to eat mid-morning.

Important dates for your diary:

These dates are for events specific to Year 6 and do not include other whole-school events, as detailed in the fortnightly online newsletters.

Friday 19th September: Junior Citizen Programme Trip

Monday 20th September: Year 6 Bikeability courses begin

Monday 29th September: Greek Day

Tuesday/Wednesday 11th - 12th November: Parents' Evening

Every Tuesday – Swimming at Brize Norton (am), please make sure you are aware of which class is attending.

PE Days – Tuesday and Fridays

If you have any questions or concerns, please do email the school office. We can then arrange to telephone you or email you back. The children are going to have a fantastic time being ready, respectful and responsible in Year 6. News has already been shared with them about applying to be head boy/girl, writing a speech to share with their house point team, and deciding whether they would like to be a school councillor this year.

We look forward to seeing all of you very soon,

Mr Clack, Mr Wyatt and Miss Davis

