

Waterbeach Community Primary School
Year 6 Team Letter
End of Summer / Autumn 2024



 <p>Pandas Class Mr Smith</p>	 <p>Tree Kangaroos Class Mrs Freeman</p>	 <p>Lemurs Class Mrs Ferris</p>
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The purpose of this letter is to give you important information about the term ahead. You will find details about home learning, reading books and general information about how a typical week will look. A copy of the letter and other information will be posted on the school website. Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September ready for your last year in primary school.

Exciting things the children will be learning in the Autumn term...

Our topic this term will be **'Enthralling Egyptians'**.

One of the school's themes is farming and so we shall be establishing how the Egyptians farmed and comparing this to more modern farming that the children would have studied in previous years. We shall also be exploring some of the more interesting aspects of Ancient Egypt including mythology, mummification and the afterlife.

In Science we will be investigating Forces and seeing how they act on different object including friction, air resistance and water resistance. In RE, we will be answering two key questions: What does it mean if God is holy and loving and Was Jesus the Messiah. In PSHE, we will be looking at how important it is to follow rules and what rights and therefore responsibilities young people have. We will also explore our emotions and how we can best express ourselves along with taking part in Anti-Bullying week. In Computing, we will be looking at 3d modelling and using an online system to manage this and then how to create our own webpages. In PE, the children will be completing a fun Egyptian dance unit before exploring body symmetry in gymnastics. For our outdoor sessions, we shall be completing a unit on basketball and hockey. In Art, we will be doing some observational drawing and looking specifically at the Eye of Horus. In D&T, we shall be designing and making a Christmas decoration.

More information can be found by accessing the ['Curriculum Captures' here.](#)

Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time

Mr Smith (Pandas) has release time on a Wednesday afternoon which will be covered by Mrs Blackaby and PPA time on a Thursday morning which will be covered by Mrs Page, Mrs Blackaby & Premier.

Mrs Freeman (Tree Kangaroos) has PPA time on a Thursday morning covered by Mrs Page, Mrs Blackaby & Premier.

Mrs Ferris has release time on a Thursday morning covered by Mrs Page, Mrs Blackaby & Premier and some additional release time on a Tuesday afternoon which will be covered by Mrs Blackaby

NEW SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

8.40 – children are met at the door a staff member and settle into an early morning activity.

8.45 – registration opens

8.50 - the doors will close, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in.

12.45 – 1:30 – Lunchtime

3.15 – End of the school day



If you would like you child to walk home on their own after school, then you will need to send written permission for them to do this. If this arrangement had been made during the previous term, this information will be shared with new teachers.

PE

Pandas/Tree Kangaroos/Lemurs – Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Children should have a PE kit consisting of a house colour T-shirt without buttons, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper and a change of shoes for outdoors. No jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised.

We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!**

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BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the school website – [About Us/School Policies](#)

HOME LEARNING

This year we would like all children to focus on reading for their home learning. There are so many ways that you could do this such as sharing a book together, reading to your child or joining the library Summer Reading Challenge. In our experience, many children tend to lose some of their good reading habits during the holidays and this can set back their progress. As we need to be able to read to access nearly all other subjects, we really want all of our children to retain the skills they have worked so hard to achieve this year. So - lots and lots of reading please!

If you would like to see which books have Accelerated Reader quizzes, you can check using this website <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx> . They can then quiz these on their return to school.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher. Contacting us by email is always the best way as teachers are very busy before and after school, and if we know that you would like to meet with one of us, we can put some time aside on an evening when we don't have meetings. All the teachers' email addresses are provided for you below. Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – where possible we would like to send all letters via email.

Website – We hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.

Email – you can send emails to your child's class teacher or team leader (Ms Innes). The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office.

Lemurs Class – Mrs Ferris – lferris@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Tree Kangaroos Class – Mrs Freeman – cfreeman@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Panda class/Team Leader – Mr Smith – dsmith@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time.

Autumn Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control, they may need to change.

Please see separate attachment for the school key dates.

[For term dates for the rest of the year follow this link.](#)