



YEAR 6 Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 6!



We hope you had a fantastic summer break. It has already been wonderful to see the students settling so well into Year 6 and so excited to learn.

We have an incredible year ahead, packed with interesting learning, fun activities and trips - including the Year 6 residential. A meeting will be held shortly to share the exciting information about Year 6 residential. All parents are welcome to attend this.

The students will be sitting their SATS towards the end of the year; however, we will ensure that this is not the focus of all we do. This year is the opportunity to get them ready for secondary school and instil aspirations for the future.

Year 6 Team:

Miss Clarke - Sycamore teacher **Mrs Kelly** - Cedar teacher

Mrs Paterson and Mrs Hawkins - support staff

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Residential meeting - Monday 14th September

Secondary School application due - 31st October 2026. You can submit your application at any time before this date. All students wishing to attend secondary school must submit an application. No school place will be assigned otherwise. Follow this link to submit:

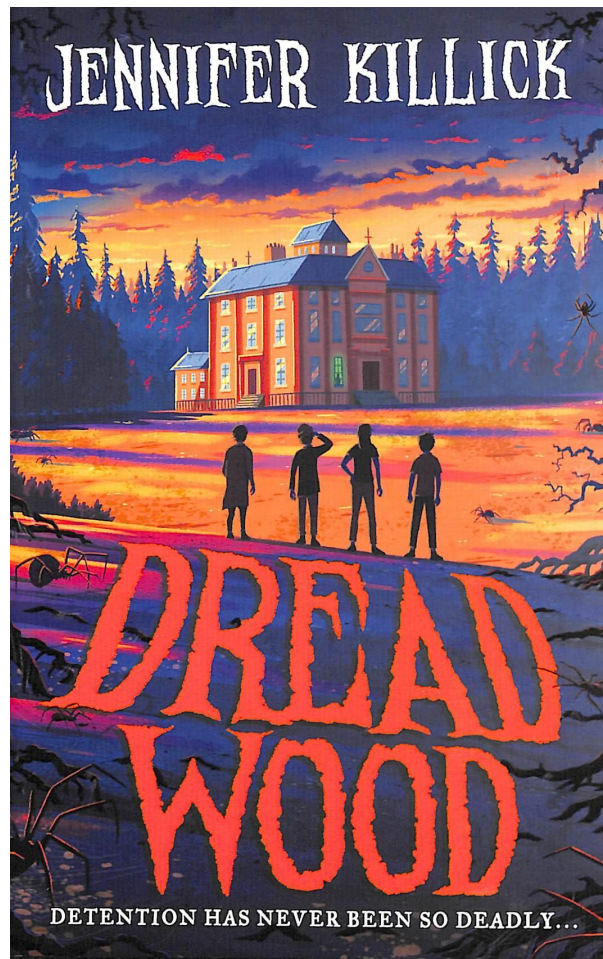
<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-or-upper-school-place>

SATS Week - Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May. It is vital that your child is in school for this week and no holidays are booked for this time.

Year 6 Residential - Wednesday 30th June - Friday 2nd July

English - Reading & Writing





Our new class novel - voted for by the students at the end of last year - is *Dread Wood* by Jennifer Killick.

WINNER of the Young Reader category in the Children's Literature Festival's Book Awards 2023!

It's basically the worst school detention ever. When classmates (but not mate-mates) Hallie, Angelo, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on a SATURDAY, they think things can't get much worse. But they're wrong. Things are about to get seriously scary.

What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune to Itsy Bitsy Spider? And what horrors lurk in the shadows, getting stronger and meaner every minute ...? Cut off from help and in danger each time they touch the ground, the gang's only hope is to work together. But it's no coincidence that they're all there on detention. Someone has been watching and plotting and is out for revenge ...

Jennifer Killick's book 'Creepy Creations' was a Sunday Times bestseller.

The students will be taking part in a range of lessons, reading and being read to, investigating the text, and conducting a number of written activities to develop their grammar and independent writing skills.

Home Reading



To prepare our students for secondary school and becoming more independent learners, we are continuing to expect your child to take responsibility for their own home reading.

Children will be given the option of how they wish to record their 3+ reads per week:

OPTION 1: Padlet. Our students will need to add a comment on the class padlet 3 times a week as evidence of reading. Padlet can be accessed by phone or any other device. A login will be added to our Google Classroom and a QR code will be sent home in reading folders.

OPTION 2: A student reading journal. Students who choose to log their reads in this way, will be provided with a small notebook, where they can write or draw their thoughts and feelings about the books they have read. They will be expected to write the date, title, number of pages and a comment for each read.

A fantastic array of books are available to students from their own class bookshelves and the school library as well - which they will visit each week.

Maths



We will begin the year by revising and extending our place value knowledge - reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10 million. We will also spend the term building on our knowledge of the four operations, learning effective mental and written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Students must continue practising their times tables at home and school. All students have a Times Table Rockstar (TTRS) login. Please let us know if your child needs a reminder of these.

Wider Curriculum



In **Science**, students will be learning about **electricity**, recapping electrical circuits and investigating how to construct more complex circuits. They will be using this knowledge as part of their **Design and Technology** project: to create an alarmed treasure box.

Our Humanities focus this term will be **Geography**. We will be learning about epic natural disasters and floods in particular, analysing how location, environmental and human factors have an impact on rising tides.

Final Reminders



Forest School - Year 6 have forest school this term.

Cedar class (Mrs Kelly) - Thursday

Sycamore class (Miss Clarke) - Friday

Students can wear their own clothes on this day. Please ensure they have clothes, shoes and outerwear that is suitable for the changing weather. A change of shoes is vital as it is becoming wetter and muddier. If there are any concerns about this, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

PE lessons will take place on **Monday** (indoor P.E).

After Autumn 1, outdoor P.E lessons will begin on **Friday** to replace forest school.

School hoodies are no longer part of our federation uniform. Children may wear their school jumper or cardigan over their PE kit on PE days.

In Year 6, we try to make lesson as active as possible. As we often go outside, please ensure your child comes to school every day with appropriate clothing for the weather and season.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child this year. Please feel free to come and say hello to us, or contact the office to pass on a message and we will contact you as soon as possible if there is a need.

