



GHYLLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Y6

The Year 6 children are organised into two registration classes, teaching Maths and English in the mornings. Children still receive an hour each week of specialist teaching in Computing, PE and Science and the rest of the curriculum including RE will be taught throughout the weeks. Design and technology will be taught in block units. We will learn about: Ancient Greece, World War 2 and Energy In Science, the children will learn about Micro-organisms, Forces, Evolution and Electricity, as well as reviewing much of the work they have done during their time at Primary School.

Year 6 Teachers

- Liz Meyfroidt - Assistant Head teacher and Class teacher
- Andy Phillips - Class teacher
- Rachel Towe - Class Teacher on Tuesday & Friday
- Ali Howell - Computing
- Steve Hoare - Specialist PE Coach
- Linsey Longcake - STA
- Julie Dawson - STA



CLASSROOM:



Curriculum

Maths- we focus on the accuracy and understanding of arithmetic skills including the 4 rules of number decimals and fractions. Alongside this, we teach all aspects of the National Curriculum including shape, graphs, time, and word problems and times tables. The speedy and accurate retrieval of times tables is essential.

READING / EXTENDED WRITING

The importance of this core skill cannot be over emphasised. Children will be asked to read out of school 3x a week from a range of different sources (school book, interest book, newspaper etc) which helps to develop fluency and comprehension.

In school, the children will read in silence for periods of time, be listened to by an adult and involved in Guided Reading group activities. Even at this age, when some children are competent readers, it is essential that parents take an interest in

children's reading, model good reading habits, ask questions about the text and discuss new vocabulary in order to develop comprehension skills. Reading for pleasure is essential.

The school is continuing with the extended writing sessions aimed at developing children's ability to write accurately and independently.



PE - Both classes have PE on a Thursday afternoon. Fitness is taught 3 times a week. .

ICT - Both classes attend Computing sessions on Thursday afternoons..

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on a Thursday.

Equipment and Independence

In preparation for Secondary School and adult life we try to encourage the children to be independent in their learning and as organised as possible, ready for the school day. This includes:

- Remembering to bring their school reading book and reading record book to school.
- Wear school uniform
- Remembering to wear their PE kit, as outlined in the school brochure, to school each week.
- Remembering to take newsletters and other letters home to parents without requiring multiple copies.
- Carrying out simple lunchtime monitoring jobs and other responsibilities around school during the week
- Please encourage your child to do this

Reward Systems - Assertive Mentoring

themselves.

We are continuing with the Assertive Mentoring reward Smiley system awarded for: Good behaviour, working well in class, completion and content of homework, kindness and good manners and independence.



WORKING TOGETHER:



HOMEWORK

Children will be given homework each Friday. If your child has a particular interest in a task or topic feel free to allow them to pursue their interest. Also, please assist your child and ask about their learning; note down your own thoughts and comments about their efforts. We try to give a range of subjects

Parental Contact

Do not hesitate to approach your child's class teacher or another member of staff, in school, before the school day starts or at the end of the day. If time to talk isn't available at that moment we can make an appointment that suits both parties. The teachers have a staff meeting each Tuesday but are happy to make time to discuss any points at another time during the week. If there are any problems, concerns or some news to celebrate please let us know at the earliest possible opportunity.



How can you help your child in this final year?

- Ensure that your child is fresh and well rested when they come into school.
- Ensure they are happy and there are no issues in school that we are not aware of.
- Ensure they have breakfast.
- Encourage them to be organised and have the correct things they need for each day.
- Spend a little time each week helping your child with learning their spellings, times tables or reading.
- Encourage your child to be independent.
- Hear your child read 3x a week.
- Help your child to have quick recall of times tables

SATs: Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2026

During the Summer Term, the children will complete their SATs (Standardised Assessment Tasks) in English and Maths. These tests, set by the Government, and implemented in school are a means to gauge the children's competency levels in the core curriculum and also used as a measure of the school's performance. We will keep the SATs low key and hope to help the children feel confident and calm during the week.

Please avoid booking any holiday time away from school for your child during this week and the weeks before.

