



# Kelvin Grove Primary School

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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your children back to school and into Year 6. It's wonderful to be able to have all children back in school full time after a challenging few months. Below we have outlined some key information regarding this term that we hope you will find useful.

## Arrival and dismissal arrangements

As you will be aware, the school has undertaken extensive Covid-19 risk assessments in order to keep your children safe. This has meant some changes in the way we do things. A key change is that each year group now operates as a 'bubble'. This means that your child can and will interact with other Year 6 pupils in one of the other classes for learning, playtime and at lunch but not with any other year group. This has meant some changes to the daily timetable in school. The most significant points of note are changes to the arrival and dismissal times which are now as follows:

**Year 6 arrival window: 8:45-8:55**

**Year 6 dismissal window: 15:00-15:10**

In order to stop your child mixing with Year 5 children who will also be arriving via the Paxton gate, it is really important that your child arrives on time. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this so far.

Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home by themselves. **If you do not want your child to be dismissed without an adult**, you must communicate this in writing to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

## Uniform

Children are required to wear full school uniform - this includes appropriate school shoes. Please note that black trainers or trainers of any other colour are not permitted (apart from for PE). Besides jewellery that is being worn for religious reasons, the only other jewellery that is permitted are stud earrings.

## Curriculum

Our whole school topic this half term is 'Reconnecting.' We know that children will have had different experiences during lockdown and this topic, which will be cross-curricular, aims to acknowledge and address the social-emotional impact that their time away from school will have had on them and also address the academic impact and any loss in learning. We will be using a visual text in English to stimulate discussion and generate ideas for writing.

<b>English</b> Narrative Writing based around the text 'Small Things' by Mel Treginning Non-fiction information texts about significant individuals	<b>Maths</b> Place value Four Operations: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division	<b>Guided Reading</b> 'Hidden Figures' text
<b>Science</b> Evolution and Inheritance Looking at DNA (practical experiment)	<b>Art</b> Sketching skills: self-portraits	<b>PE</b> Skills and Games
<b>Influence and Inspiration</b> What is influence and who influences us? Black and British – significant individuals Overcoming adversity and stereotypes Giving back to the community KG Influencers and making our mark on the school	<b>Computing</b> E-safety: being kind online and appropriate internet use	

We are proud to have a vibrant and diverse school community at Kelvin Grove. Our aim is that our school curriculum reflects and celebrates this diversity all year round. This means that we are committed to ensuring that pupils of all races, backgrounds and abilities see representations of themselves and their families in the content of our lessons. We do this by being very purposeful in our choices of the authors whose books we read, and in our selection of the history and culture we choose to study. If you have any questions about the topics being studied above, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### **P.E.**

As one of our Covid-19 safety measures, we ask children to come to school dressed in their PE kit, which they will stay in for the duration of the day. These times will be confirmed by your child's class teacher.

### **Homework:**

This half term, for homework, we would like the children to do the following:

#### **Reading**

All children in Year 6 are **required to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day**. Reading for pleasure makes a huge difference to children's educational performance. Children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Now that your child is in Year 6, as a parent, you can still make a huge difference by co-reading with your child or listening to your child read as often as you can.

#### **Spelling**

Children will come home with a new spelling list each week. They need to practise these words and complete activities around them throughout the week.

#### **Times Tables**

In order to access the Year 6 Maths curriculum, children need to be secure and fluent in their times tables up to 12X. For homework, children will need to practise and apply their times tables in a range of different ways.

#### **Other information**

A reminder that children are allowed to bring a healthy snack into school to eat during their morning break. Large packets of crisps and sweets are not allowed. Children will also need to bring a water bottle (labelled with their name) to use in lessons.

Thank you for your support – we are looking forward to a great year!

#### **Year 6 Team**

Miss Pais, Mr Tsappas, Mrs Satchwell and Miss Shardlow (Class Teachers)

Mrs Bolingbroke, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Kemp (Teaching Assistants)

Miss Oppong (Teacher and Achievement Lead for Years 4, 5 and 6)