



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
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Class 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I am delighted to welcome the children back for their final year at Bussage School. Year 6 is a fantastic year - full of exciting learning experiences, opportunities to shine as role models within the school community and many memorable moments.

Geography and History Theme

In Geography, the children will explore the country's physical and human features - including its landscapes, islands as well as earthquakes and volcanoes. They will develop their map skills and compare life in Greece with life in the United Kingdom. In History, the children will travel back in time to discover the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, learning about its achievements, daily life, myths and legends and the lasting influence it has had on the modern world. Through this theme, children will develop a deeper understanding of how the past has shaped the present while growing their curiosity about different places and cultures.

Engaging Experience

On Tuesday 17th November, the children will take part in an exciting K'NEX Challenge. Working collaboratively, they will use K'NEX construction kits to design, build and test creative solutions to a range of engineering and problem-solving tasks. This hands-on experience encourages children to develop their understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in a fun and engaging way. More information to follow.

Class Book

This term we will initially be reading *The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare* by Zillah Bethall. We will also be looking at a variety of other quality texts throughout the term.

Home Learning

In addition to regular spelling, reading, and handwriting practice, pupils will be set maths and grammar tasks on alternate weeks to help consolidate their learning in class. This task will be given out on **Tuesday** and needs to be returned to school on the following **Monday**.

We will also be sending home an optional themed homework. Children may choose activities from the homework grid and complete them at home. A date will be arranged after half-term for pupils to share their work.





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Reading

Children should read **at least three times per week** and record this in their Reading Diaries. They are encouraged to include comments such as thoughts about a character, key plot events, or interesting facts from non-fiction texts. Adults are also welcome to add comments.

To support reading at home, your child will bring home a **reading bookmark** containing a range of question prompts. We encourage you to use these prompts during reading sessions to promote meaningful conversations about books and to help deepen your child's understanding and enjoyment of reading.

Reading Diaries need to be handed in on a **Tuesday** so that they can be checked by a member of the Year 6 team. Please note that if it is not handed in on this day that it will not always be possible for it to be checked.

Spellings

New spellings are issued each **Monday** and tested the following **Friday**. Pupils should practise these at home by writing each spelling **three times per line** in their handwriting books. These books should be handed in every **Friday** for checking.

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including black shoes (not sports trainers please). Only one pair of small stud earrings is permitted; no other jewellery should be worn apart from a watch. Please ensure long hair is tied back.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school every day, including suitable footwear. Long hair should be tied back, and earrings must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, please provide tape for covering them.

Indoor PE Kit:

- House T-shirt
- Shorts

Outdoor PE Kit:

- House T-shirt
- Long bottoms
- Trainers
- Warm top for colder weather





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Wellies and Coats

To support outdoor learning and play in all weathers, please provide a **pair of wellies** to be kept in school, along with a **waterproof coat**.

Class 6 Staff

The adults working in Class 6 this term are:

- **Teacher:**
 - Mr Averis
- **Teaching Assistants:**
 - Miss Corbett
 - Mrs Hawksbee

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities.

Kind regards,

Mr Averis

