

Advance Notice

- A meeting will be held on **Monday 10th January 2011** at **6.30 p.m.** to outline the format of this year's SATs testing and how you can help your child.
- SATs testing will be held during the week commencing **Monday 9th May 2011**. Please avoid family holidays during this week and the few weeks leading up to the tests.
- The annual weekend visit to High Adventure will be **Friday 10th June 2011**.
- A meeting will be held for parents on **Thursday 30th September 2010** at **6.30 p.m.** to outline what the visit to High Adventure entails.
- Forms for you to select a secondary school for next year will be distributed by post this term.

Films

During the school year there are occasions when we wish to show the children a film to support a certain aspect of the curriculum or as a reward. We currently only show films that carry a 'U' certificate, however, there other films to support the curriculum that we are unable to show without parental consent because they carry a 'PG' or 'PG 12' certificate. For this reason, we would like to ask for your permission to show 'PG' and 'PG 12' certificate films to your child.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

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Films

I do / do not give permission for my child:

..... (name)

in class to view films with a certificate rating of 'PG'
and/or 'PG 12'.

..... (signature of parent/guardian)

Welcome to Year 6

Introduction

We are pleased to welcome your child back to another academic year at Bricknell Primary School after the summer break. We hope it was a happy and stress-free time for you all! Everyone seems to have settled well over the first few days.

Year 6 is an important stage in your child's development, during which time s/he will begin to make the transition to secondary education, whilst still in the familiar primary environment. There is an expectation that your child will want to gain the best from the experiences afforded to them and allow their peers the same opportunity. Below is the content of the main subjects for this academic year, coupled with some suggestions for how you can support your child's learning.

Curriculum Outline

Literacy and **Maths** continue to be the main focus in the morning sessions. Year 6 will be following the government Maths and Literacy Framework whose content for the Autumn term includes:



Numeracy

- * Place value, ordering and rounding;
- * Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100,
- * Problem solving,
- * Presenting and interpreting data,
- * Looking at measures (time, cm, mm, m).

You can help by: Encouraging your child to practise times tables regularly, encouraging them to use their mathematical skills to solve everyday problems, e.g. estimating a shopping bill, accurate weighing and measuring, using a calculator, playing maths games, practice of mental maths problems, and also asking them to explain how they have solved/worked something out.

Literacy



- * Looking at story structure;
- * Articulating a personal response to literature,
- * Looking at biography and autobiography,
- * Developing journalistic writing skills.

Children will be given a reading book at the start of term and they may change it when they have read and understood its content. They will be given a reading record with their reading book which they are expected to use to record their responses to books they have read. Any parental comments about the reading material, along with your child's response to it are welcome in the reading record.

You can help by: Encourage your child to read regularly at home. Expose them to a wide range of texts, especially good-quality newspapers. Encourage your child to articulate a reasoned personal response to books read.

Science



The main science topics to be covered this year include:

- Interdependence and Adaptation;
- Micro-organisms,
- More About Dissolving,
- Reversible and Irreversible Changes,
- Forces in Action,
- Changing Circuits,
- How We See Things.
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Foundation Subjects

Our **Geography** focuses this year will be 'The Mountain Environment' and 'A Village in India'. Our **History** topics look at Victorian times and how life has changed in Britain since 1948. In **Design and Technology** Year 6 will be designing and making a 'shelter', a 'slipper' and a 'fairground ride'. We will be having weekly sessions in the **I.C.T.** suite where your child will learn how to use spreadsheets, as well as making a multimedia presentation. In

Religious Studies we will predominately focus on Hinduism and Christianity looking at their religious places of worship, and how they promote justice and freedom. In **French**, your child will build up a basic understanding of the French language that they began to learn in Year 3 and 4. In **P.E.** and **Games** this term our focuses will be dance, gymnastics, basketball, football, rugby, tennis, badminton and cricket. Lessons for each class are as follows:



**6JW: Friday} P.E.
Wednesday} Games**

**6BY: Wednesday} P.E.
Monday} Games**

**6RJ: Monday} P.E.
Wednesday} Games**

Please ensure that P.E. kits are in school from Monday to Friday. If the weather turns chilly your child may wear a tracksuit or similar OVER their normal P.E. kit. S/he will need plimsolls for indoor work, as well as outdoor trainers. All kit **must be named**. We will expect all jewellery to be removed for all P.E. and Games related activities.

Other Information

Homework will consist of one piece of **Maths** work, and one piece of **Literacy** work. Homework given will relate to work introduced that week. Homework will be set on a **Friday** and should be handed in by **Wednesday** of the following week. Children will be given spellings to learn on a **Friday** and they will be tested on them the following **Friday**.

We hope this will be a happy and successful year for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

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New to Year 6

