

Welcome to Year 6!



Hello! A warm welcome back to Berridge. The team are looking forward to having everyone back, safe, well and learning again!

Here are details of the year 6 teaching team this year.

Rowan	Mr Grochowski
Yew	Miss Mercer
Cedar	Mr Richardson
TAs	Miss Idrees & Miss Jenkinson

Our learning in topic for the autumn term starts with exciting narrative writing, before moving on to one of our fascinating Geography studies, *'What lies beneath?'*. Then, taking us up to Christmas, is *'How do I make a bulb brighter?'*, which is part of our science curriculum. It's a fabulous set of topics! For each topic, a knowledge organiser will be emailed to parents. This includes the key information and vocabulary learnt within the topic, as well as useful websites to use at home. In addition, a fantastic set of home learning challenges will be ready to complement your child's school learning.

We absolutely love reading in year 6. We will be studying and exploring a wide variety of interesting and exciting books such as *The Graveyard Riddle*, *Running on the Roof Tops* and Neil Gaiman's fabulous retelling of *Hansel & Gretel*. In English, we will be writing narratives this term (to entertain readers), using our class texts to inspire us, as well as writing a range of newspaper articles (to inform readers), which links to our topic *'What lies beneath?'*. Our maths during this term will focus on the four operations, place value and fractions. PSHE begins with *'Healthy Minds'* during the first half term, before moving on to *'Keeping safe out and about'*.

As always, we need your support in **arriving at school on time**, being ready to learn and encouraging some work at home too. The timings of the school day are:

Start time – 8:45am / Finish time - 3:15pm.

Pupils are expected to read at home, **at least three times per week**, and have their diaries signed by whoever has heard them read. This is especially important given that the children will be assessed on their reading during their year 6 SATs. Children should bring their reading diaries to school every day. Certificates will be given to those who read regularly! Weekly homework also includes times table practice and learning spellings.

For each topic, we offer three home learning challenges for children to take home. We particularly enjoy sharing these with each other at the end of the topic! Watch this space!

All children should be aware of our four whole school rules: work hard and try your best, do as you are asked straight away, be kind and respectful to everyone, take care of our school and the things in it. We are still using 'Dojo Points'; Class Dojo is a **behaviour management tool for the classroom**. Each student has a profile – complete with their own avatar – to which teachers can assign positive and negative points (or 'dojos') throughout the lesson. If a child has 10 Dojo points by Friday, they will be awarded with extra playtime.

It is crucial that children maintain good attendance throughout the school year; our school aims for 96% attendance. Medicine can be administered in school so children do not have to stay at home.

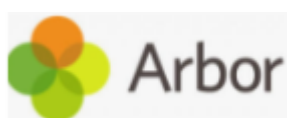
School meals can be paid for using the school **Arbor App**, and all messages and newsletters are sent through either the **school app** or email to parents.

Additional support and information is available on our school website. There are also White Rose maths booklets available for each year group: [School Curriculum | Berridge Primary School](#)
P.E. will happen throughout the week and so pupils should bring their kit on Mondays to ensure they have it when it is needed. PE kit should be blue, grey, white or black -no football shirts- and include trainers/plimsols. PE kit should be in a named bag.

Children should not come in PE kit and get changed in school. Earrings should be removed or covered before coming to school on PE days. The school **cannot** be responsible for looking after jewellery removed for PE.

Please send your child with a labelled bottle for drinking water throughout the school day. Please ensure bottles are only filled with water, not juice.

We ask that you please download the Arbor App in order to pay for trips, school meals and to book parents evenings. All newsletters and reminders will be sent to you through either Arbor or via email.



Is there anything I can do to get ready for starting Year 6?

- Keep practising your times tables up to 12x12 using [Times Table Rockstars!](#)
- Try writing sentences using a range of sentence openers, such as fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses.
- Make sure that you continue to read a variety of texts regularly at home each week.

In addition, the office will be selling SATs study guides to help the children prepare for their SATs tests. The sooner your child starts to study and revise, this will be of great benefit to them later in the year.

Our first KS2 Parents' Evening this year will be on Wednesday 8th October, we look forward to seeing you there.

Take care!

The Year 6 team.