



Welcome back to school!

All members of staff working in Year 6 are looking forward to the year ahead. We know it's going to be a great one!



Year 6 PE days for this term will be as follows:

	Jaguars	Toucans	Lions
Indoor PE	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Outdoor PE	Friday	Wednesday	Friday

PE Kit

Thorndown PE kit is a white t-shirt with navy or black shorts. All children need trainers to change into for outdoor PE. In winter, children will need a tracksuit to keep warm during outdoor PE and this should be in dark, plain colours. For safety, please note that tracksuit tops without hoods are preferable. No jewellery should be worn and long hair should be tied back.

Please remember...

Read your reading book every day and make sure you fill in your weekly planner.

Play TTRockstars for at least 10 minutes every day.

Make sure you bring a water bottle and a healthy snack to school every day.

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PE
Children will be developing the skills of High-Five Netball and will build up to playing in competitive game situations. In gymnastics, children will be using balances and counter balances to create sequences.

PSHE
In PSHE this half-term, we will be looking at the theme of 'My Emotions'. We will be looking at recognising how we feel, and finding strategies for dealing with complex emotions.

Maths
As mathematicians, the children will be looking at the following areas:

- Calculating and using knowledge of structures
- Multiples of 1,000
- Numbers up to 10,000,000
- Multiplication & Division

English-Reading & Writing
As readers and writers, we will be using a range of stimuli to develop our fluency, comprehension and writing skills:

- Hansel & Gretel by Neil Gaiman
- Francis (film study)
- Using the film UP to write to persuade

Music
As musicians, we will be listening and appraising, as well as progressing skills taught in Year 5 with recorders.

Science
As scientists, we will be exploring how to classify living things by looking at famous

Art
We will be using our art skills to develop a mixed media collage linked to activism and Geography.

Religion and Worldviews
In Religion and Worldviews, we will be looking at the synoptic overviews of the origins of two major families of religion: Abrahamic (Judaism, Christianity & Islam) and Dharmic (Hinduism, Buddhism & Sikhism).

Computing
In computing, we will be structuring algorithms, programming and focusing on E-Safety in the context of online chats.

History
The children will be studying Mayan history, focusing on the Yucatan Peninsula. They will also learn about:

- The Mayan rulers
- Customs and the structure of society
- The Mayan agriculture, including maize and chocolate
- The Mayan language, art, cities and architecture
- The Mayan calendar and mathematics
- Mayan religious beliefs and practices

Geography
As geographers, we will be learning about Energy and Climate Change. Children will explore:

- How people use energy and types of energy
- Renewable & non-renewable energy sources
- The greenhouse effect and the enhanced greenhouse effect (climate change/global warming)
- Energy use and farming
- Antarctica, Great Barrier Reef, Pacific Islands, South Asia and the UK