



# Orangutan Class



## Newsletter 2021 - 2022

Welcome to Year 6 in Orangutan Class

### The adults working with you this year

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Sharp

**LSAs:** Mrs Eggleton (am) Mrs Dunn (Mon-Thurs) Miss Alexander (Fri)

**PE:** Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

### General Information

We are back! Hopefully this year will be a normal one. Bubbles have gone and collective gathering is permitted. It is almost business as usual – we will still be mindful about hand hygiene, not encourage too much close contact and still have back up plans if there are Covid cases in school, but by being sensible we hope that we can get back to a pre-Covid school life.

We will be continuing our one-way system for dropping off and collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day. Please enter school through the field gate which will be opened at 8.15am; children will be expected to come directly to the classroom via the **double doors** and be settled in the class ready for registration at 8.25am. Parents will then be expected to leave school via the front gate.

At the end of the day the field gate will be opened at 2.40pm and Y6 will be dismissed via the **library door**. (This is to help parents who have more than one child to collect and means that Y6 do not walk back into the playground against the flow.)

**Emails:** Following on from the success of the class emails during lockdown, a new account for Orangutan class has been set up. It will be checked several times per week; however, if your enquiry needs an immediate acknowledgement or reply then please contact the main school office.

**Equipment:** Children will be expected to bring their reading book, reading record and named water bottle in their school bag on a daily basis. Children don't need to bring in their own pencil cases and equipment, as everything they will need will be provided in class.

**PE:** PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. We will still try to hold these outside or in the well-ventilated hall. This means that children will need to wrap up warm when the weather grows chilly. A grey/black/dark blue track suit as well as normal PE kit may be beneficial.

### Golden Worship



Whole school Worship and Golden Worship will resume in person in the hall in the mornings.

On a Friday morning, we will return to inviting parents in to watch their child receiving their certificate.

## Topics



A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on.



## Homework and Reading



Homework is given out in the Homework folders for each half term, along with regular spellings to be practised at home. Please see the Homework Diary for more information. In Y6 after October half-term there will be additional weekly tasks in either Maths or English.

There will be a greater expectations for reading in Year 6. Children will be expected to read a reading book (preferably a classroom book but you may read book from home, too) several times each week for periods of at least 10-15 minutes and over the course of the year aim to complete the class challenge. Reading books can be changed on any day.

By Y6 most children will be fluent enough readers to read independently to themselves; however, all children benefit from reading aloud to an “audience”. Children may complete the reading record themselves but it must be signed by an adult at home. Discussions about what has been read is just as important as the reading itself, so please make time to discuss what has been read – talk about the plot, the characters, your child’s predictions and opinions along with any tricky or new vocabulary. It is also always beneficial for a child of any age to listen to a story being read by someone else!

## Year 6 tests SATs



At the end of Key Stage 2 in May, Year 6 normally sit the National Tests in English (reading comprehension, writing and SPaG) and Maths. At present we do expect them to take place next year although we do not know if the format will be changed or adapted. At this stage in the school year, we feel that the focus should be on settling the children back into school and addressing any gaps in their learning that two lockdowns could have caused. We don’t want to cause undue stress to the children.

## Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that children are settled, ready and focussed for their learning that day as soon as lessons start at 8.25am! The field gate will be locked at 8.25am so after then please enter school via the main entrance.

## Parents’ Evenings

Information about parents’ evenings will follow in due course.

**If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let us know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children’s progress.**

**Thank you!**