

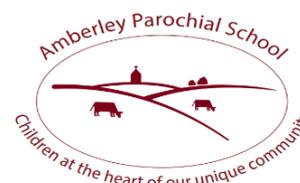
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becoming

reflective, independent and aspirational learners for life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to year 6 parents and pupils, and a warm welcome to the incoming year 5, who join us for what is set to be an industrious, productive and exciting term.

This term we will begin our 'immersion curriculum', which means topics in subjects such as Science, Geography, History, PSHCE, Music and Art will be blocked to allow the children to really immerse themselves in their learning. Before half term we will be having weekly blocks of Art (Mark Making), Geography (Studying Kenya), Music (linking music with dance), and fortnightly blocks of History (The Ancient Greeks) and Science (Humans). Before each of these blocks begins, you will receive a brief overview of what we will be learning and how we will be launching and celebrating that learning. The first one will be sent to you prior to next week's study of Kenya.

While these subjects will be taught in blocks, other subjects, such as computing, RE, PE and Spanish will be taught weekly, and maths and English will be taught daily. Blocks of work in English up to Christmas will focus on story-writing, poetry, information texts, instructions and discussions, while in maths we will focus on number operations, place value and properties of number, as well as developing problem solving and reasoning skills. Our RE topics are called "What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?" and "Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?"

As always, we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is organised with the necessary equipment that is required. PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays this term, and we ask children have the appropriate PE kit on those days. Instead of a Reading Record, children will be encouraged to use a diary, more akin to a secondary school planner, where they can keep track of events at school, note when they have read (please feel free to sign this if your child reads to you), record any key information they need to learn, and generally organise themselves. Further information about homework will be sent soon.

Year 6 children will have received letters containing important information about secondary school transition, while many are preparing themselves to sit grammar school tests. Many year 5 and 6 pupils are also excited about our trip to PGL, which will be a great bonding and confidence exercise for the class. Please feel free to speak to myself or Miss Cale if you have any queries about either of these events. More information about PGL will be on its way imminently.

If you haven't already done so, you are all invited to visit the Belted Galloway part of the school website and subscribe to receive our blogs. I blog weekly about what is going on in class, and I will be inviting children to blog about special occurrences in class from time to time.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to get the most out of your children this year and continue their journey to becoming independent, enthusiastic learners. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Beech