



Year 6 Newsletter

Term 1 2026



Welcome to Term 1

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome your children into Year 6. Of course, I feel particularly lucky as I get to work with this group again. It would seem that your children are happy to be back too, as their attitudes towards their learning, their friendships and their interactions with adults could not be better. We are delighted with the way that our students have settled back into school after the summer; every Year 6 teacher that I see during the day has a big smile on their face!

Our main learning themes this term are:



The Victorian Era



Designing and
Constructing Solar
System Mobiles



Earth and Space

In history this term we will be

- ❖ learning about the industrialisation of Britain during the Victorian times
- ❖ understanding how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources
- ❖ extending our understanding of chronology

In mathematics this term we will be

- ❖ working with numbers over 10 000 000 and negative numbers
- ❖ using formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- ❖ having fun with maths puzzles and 'thinking outside the box'

In English this term we will be

- ❖ basing our diary entries on the fantastic picture book 'Man on the Man', where we will focus on emotions
- ❖ a formal piece of writing based on the Doctor Xargle books

In science this term we will be

- ❖ describing the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system
- ❖ answering questions using evidence gathered from different types of scientific enquiry

In D.T. this term we will be

- ❖ using their research to write their own design criteria
- ❖ using different tools and equipment safely and accurately to create a solar system mobile

In music this term we will be

- ❖ learning to play the fife (similar to a flute) and continuing with music theory

In PSHE this term we will be

- ❖ considering personal and online safety, peer pressure and the effects of social media

In French this term we will be

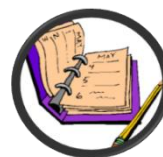
- ❖ learning and applying vocabulary associated with Earth and space

Homework

As in Year 5, children will be taught a spelling pattern on Monday. At home, they will practise the related words in their purple spelling book. The following Monday, they will have an opportunity to show their new understanding in a dictation. As always, children are expected to read daily. Please sign their reading records when you listen to them read (and also when they read independently!). Century Maths is also an expectation – however PLEASE DO NOT HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THIS. It is important that they work independently so that the work set for them remains attainable. Please aim for a minimum of 30 minutes a week.

The children will be given a choice of two Home Learning Projects. These projects incorporate a range of skills through a science or topic theme. We encourage the children to be as creative as possible and to ensure that they add to it every week. **This term, we would like them to EITHER research and present information on a famous Victorian OR present information about one of the planets in the solar system.** As always, they can adapt this to their interests. For example, if they like maths, they can look into a mathematician and present some of their findings; if cooking is something that interests them, they can look into Victorian cooks/chefs.

Dates for your diary



P.E.

All classes will have P.E. on a Friday.

Some classes will have P.E. on a Thursday as well (this will be on a rota). There is no need to wear PE kit on PE days as the new uniform can be worn. If your child is still wearing the old-style school uniform, please ensure that they wear plain black trainers (and not smart shoes) on PE days.

Thursday 10th September 2026	Kent Test (Year 6)
Monday 14th September 2026	Secondary Schools -Parent/Carer Meeting (6pm Courage Hall)
Tuesday 15th September 2026	Come and See @ 2:45
Monday 28th September 2026	Flu Immunisations in school
Friday 2nd October 2026	School Photos
Week beginning 5th October	After-school clubs begin
Monday 19th October 2026	6B (Mrs Keeley) & 6K (Mrs Hawkins) Parent Assembly (9am Courage Hall)
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Parent Meeting about Year 6 Activities (6pm Courage Hall)
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last day of term 1
Monday 2nd November 2026	First day of term 2

Please remember: **NO** jewellery except studs and watches. Thank you for your support. The Year 6 Team

A Reminder from Mr Pringle

I am available Monday to Friday, should you have need to contact me. My email is as follows:

year6leader@cliftonvilleprimary.co.uk

You will also find me on the gate to the KS2 playground in the car park at the start and end of each day.

Mobile Phones

If your child has a mobile phone, please ensure that you are keeping track of how they use it/the messages that they send and receive. As a school, we cannot deal with issues that arise from inappropriate use of phones at home. Unfortunately, we are finding that this can negatively impact friendships and your child's ability to learn and thrive in school. I am very grateful for your understanding in this matter.