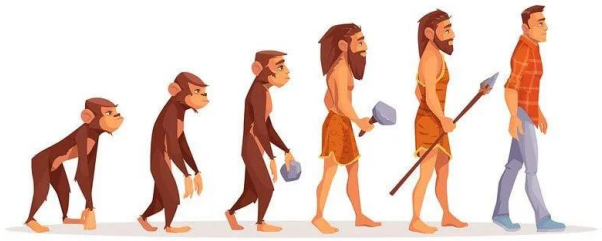
Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday! It has been great welcoming back the children, who are raring to get started! It is hard to believe that the children have reached their final year of school already. Year 6 promises to be a jam-packed year full of hard work and fun with many exciting lessons, activities, visitors and trips taking place throughout the year.

This letter, alongside the topic web, contains important information for you, including topics, timetables and homework. Important diary dates will also be included in weekly newsletters and parent mails throughout the year, so please keep an eye on these.

This term we will be focusing our topic-based learning around the ancient history civilization, the Mayans, which will include learning about where they were from, the time period and why the Mayans were important and powerful.



Within our science lessons this term, we will also be studying Evolution and Inheritance, as well as the Classification of living things, including learning about scientist Charles Darwin.

Reading

Ideally, we would like your child to read every night - but a minimum of three times per week is vital for children to progress through Year 6 as they should. Reading at home can take the form of fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, recipes, instructions and more - the wider the variety the better! It is important that your child is reading something that they enjoy and we encourage pupils to talk about what they are reading at home and at school; discussion of texts and clarifying the meaning of new words is so beneficial to children's wider learning. Further guidance on reading at home is detailed on the website, including a recommended reading list for Year 6.

Children can record any reading both at home and in school and we will be checking reading records on a **Monday** and awarding Dojo points for 3+ reads per week outside of school (and extras for lots outside of school!).

Homework

Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to hand it in on time. This discipline will, of course, stand them in good stead this time next year as they start secondary school. Please note some homework will need adult support.

Homework	Set on	Due in
Reading	Every night if possible – minimum 3x per week	Reading records will be checked each Monday.
Maths	Set on Wednesday, in on Wednesday	
English	Punctuation and grammar focused homework will go out on Wednesday, and is due on the following Wednesday. Spellings will be given out termly. Spelling practice will happen regularly at school, but pupils should practise at home as often as possible. These can be done in homework books or by using SpellingShed online.	

Games & P.E.

Class	Games / P.E.	Forest School
6K	Thursday	Please see the newsletter for Forest School updates.
6C	Thursday	

Please make sure that your child has games and PE kit in school for the appropriate days. Children will need to come in to school in the correct PE kit on PE days.

- **P.E./Games** – yellow t-shirt, green shorts, trainers/(daps are suitable for indoor PE later in the year)
- **Cold weather** - green school hoodies worn over yellow t-shirts, black tracksuit trousers (not leggings) worn over green shorts, possibly outdoor and indoor shoes.
- *It is important that children have shorts under their joggers as they will have one outdoor session and an indoor session on the same day and outdoor kit may be muddy/wet.*
- **Hockey** - we would invite children to wear shin pads if they have them for when we do hockey (after half term). We focus far more on basic skills and drills rather than playing games so they are not strictly necessary, but children may choose to wear them if they wish.
- **Forest School** - long-sleeved top, long trousers, old trainers/wellies, a jumper and raincoat and waterproof trousers for wet days.

N.B. Please could any child with long hair remember tie-backs for their hair and tape for their earrings.

Art

You may wish for your child/ren to have an art shirt/apron for art activities which can be kept in school. If you are able to provide one, please send it in labelled with your child's name. Any spare art shirts you can donate are also greatly appreciated.

Stationery and Equipment

Pens, rulers and pencils etc are provided in school. Year 6 children are permitted to bring in their own pencil cases if they wish. Children may have one flexible pencil case that can fit in their drawer (no rigid or pop-out styles please) to contain stationary for lessons only. Any other equipment such as colours, etc. will need to be kept in their drawer or bag. These will only be used in certain lessons. This helps to avoid clutter and distractions. Other than those agreed by the class teachers, SENDCo or wellbeing champion, children will not be allowed fidget toys or similar items.

Inhalers

Children who need to use an inhaler are asked to keep one with the class teacher at all times. These are kept in the class, in a clearly marked bag or box which will be taken out for games etc. It helps us keep them organised and to hand in case they are needed. Please let us have an up to date inhaler, clearly labelled, for us to keep safely.

Medical, Dietary and Contact information

Just a quick reminder to say that if any of the details that we hold about your children change, particularly around the above information, please let us know so that we can update our records.

Films

During the year we will occasionally support the children's learning by watching relevant DVDs. These will only be either 'U' or 'PG' certificate or of an age rating that is lower than the children's chronological age.

Phones

Children are permitted to bring phones into school, but it is important that phones are not used by children within the school gates and absolutely no photos are permitted to be taken on school premises. Any children that do bring phones in will need to hand them in to the class teacher at the start of the day and they will be locked away safely during the school day. CVJS accepts no responsibility for children's phones that are brought to school.

We hope this information proves useful to you. Please contact reception if you have any questions or concerns relevant to these or other issues. If possible, please telephone beforehand to arrange a meeting as we are often involved in meetings after school. In the meantime, we look forward to meeting you at the Parents' Evenings later this term.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team