



Academic Year 20/21

Transition to Year 6

June 2020

Welcome to Year 6 Kensuke Class! It is such an exciting year in your journey through school as it is the stepping stone to secondary school. As you enter year 6, you enter as primary school children, but when you leave it is as mature, determined secondary school pupils and it is our job to help you reach that goal. Let's introduce you to the staff ...

Meet the Teaching Team



Mrs. Kaj Hall
(Mon – Wed)

Mrs. Kaj Hall is a very experienced teacher who is relocating to Sheffield from London. Mrs Hall is a bit of a bookworm and is really excited about the fantastic books you will be reading together in Year 6. She can't wait to meet you all in September.



Mrs. Jenna Leverton
(Weds-Fri)

Mrs. Leverton has been working at Walkley since 2004. She is very excited at the prospect of moving into year 6 – a year group she taught in for a number of years before having her own children (Esme and Annie). Mrs. Leverton is pleased to be teaching the same class of children again and this will really help with transition.



Miss. Kelly Edge

Miss Edge has worked at Walkley for over 6 years in upper key stage two. She loves sewing in her spare time and being creative. Miss. Edge is also a big Harry Potter fan. She is looking forward to September and to seeing you all again and getting to know you all better.

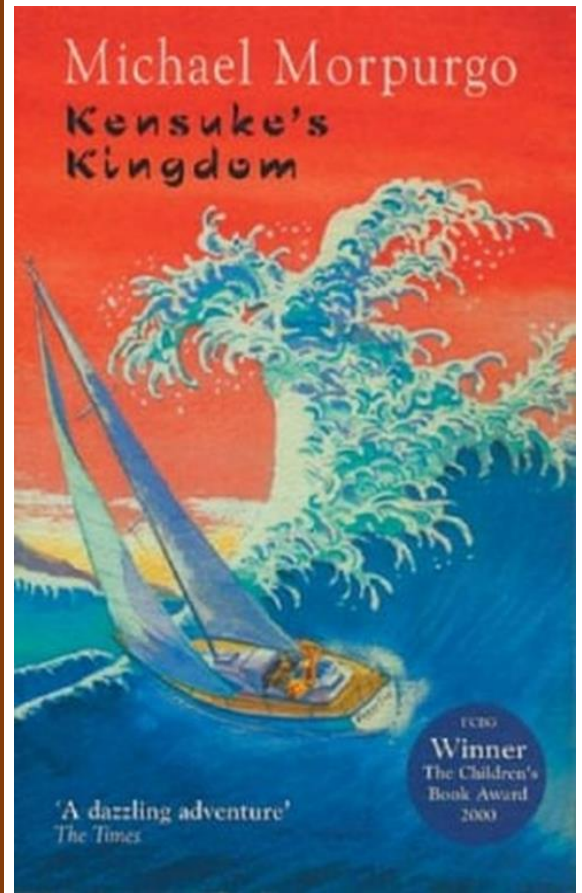
Our Class Name - Kensukes

The name 'Kensukes' comes from a fabulous book called 'Kensukes Kingdom' written by Michael Morpurgo.

We will read this book as a class during the year and I'm sure you will all see why it is a book worthy of our class being named after.

Without spoiling the book too much, it is an imaginative adventure story based around two main characters. It is set on a desert island and is about a struggle to survive. However, ultimately the story is about friendship, trust and humanity - all aspects that will be developed through life in the Kensuke class.

We can't wait to share the book with you!



Our Classroom

Our classroom from September will be the side of the Pod used by Varjak Paws....so the same classroom as last year! The Pod will be used solely by Year 6 children. Here is a photo of the learning space in case you have forgotten what it looks like!



A glimpse into the future...



What will we study this year?

Our Topics

World War I: The Great War

Human Rights: Is there equality for all?

Enterprise: Can you create a profitable business?

A day in the life of year 6

The timetable will remain very similar to how it has been in previous years. Although there will be points in the year where English and Maths will take up more of the teaching time, particularly with gaps in learning due to the closure of schools since March, it is still vital that the children receive a balanced diet in terms of the curriculum. Therefore, computing, the creative curriculum, science, PSHE and PE will remain prominent within each term.

A typical day could look something like this:

- 8:50 – Morning Work
- 9:10 – Literacy
- 10:15 – Assembly
- 10:35 – Break time
- 10:50 – Maths
- 12:00 – Lunch time
- 1:00 – Guided reading
- 1:40 – PE
- 2:30 – computing
- 3:15 – Home time

What is the same and what is different?

There are lots of things that will stay the same for you. Class wide rewards and house points remain as will the flip side of warnings and sanctions, Mr. Clements and Mrs Jkinson will support you in the same way and our approaches to teaching such as using Big Maths, TT Rockstars and the ten step approach to writing remain. However, being the oldest children in the school also comes with a level of responsibility. The key roles on the school council are positions for year 6 children as are the house captains. We're looking forward to supporting you in these important roles.



THE EXECUTIVE SCHOOL COUNCIL



The Executive school council is made up solely of year 6 pupils. These roles include:

- The Chairperson
- The Vice Chairperson
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer

Think you've got the qualities to take on one of these roles? These roles will be elected during the Autumn Term. There will be other roles available to year 6s too such as Sports Leader and Class Representatives for younger year groups.

Ways you can prepare for life in year 6

- Try to read every day over the summer holidays. It's great to get lost in a good book. Try and challenge yourself to read a different genre than you are used to. I wonder if you can discover a new favourite author? There are some great online reads on the new Upper Key Stage Two Virtual Library that you can access through the school blog. Maybe keep up to date with the news through daily reading – the Newsround website is a great way of keeping up to date with current affairs.
- Practice your time tables. They form the basis of so many other areas of maths, if you have rapid recall of these facts, other areas of maths become easier. Use your TT Rock Stars personal login to regularly practice these. I wonder who will have the best avatar when we return?
- Try to write a few times a week. A daily diary is a great way of writing each day and will also leave you with a lovely record of your summer. Or why not try writing a letter to someone in your family or a friend that you've not seen for a while? I'm sure it would brighten up their day to hear from you.
- Spend plenty of time outdoors - playing, exercising, maybe even exploring somewhere new – we live so close to beautiful countryside and there's so many places to see. Fresh air and exercise are so good for our physical and mental health.
- Complete the form attached for discussion on your return to school – we want to know about you and how we can help you.

Most of all, relax and re energise so you return to school ready for what we know will be a fantastic year for you in your final year at Walkley Primary School – make the most of it, it's a special year in anyone's life. We can't wait to see you and share in the Year 6 adventure with you!

**Take care,
The Year 6 Team**

My Transition to Year 6

The things I enjoy at school are _____

The things I am interested in are _____

The things I would like to improve are _____

My aspirations for the future are _____

The adults in school can help me by _____

Some things I would like you to know about me are _____
