



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



Miss. Amanda Stephens

Miss. Stephens is a Canadian teacher who speaks French and Spanish. She has been teaching in Leeds for the past two and a half years in Upper Key Stage 2 and is excited to be working in Sheffield and to join the Walkley team! She has a golden retriever named Oscar who she loves to take for walks.



Mrs. Ruth Goff

Mrs. Goff has worked at Walkley as a teaching assistant for 4 years. Previously, she was a science teacher at King Edwards VII school so has some great knowledge to share! She enjoys gardening and, not surprisingly, science. Mrs. Goff is very happy to be working with a group of children who she is very familiar with for another year and this will really help the children with their transition into year six.

Our Class Name – The Potters

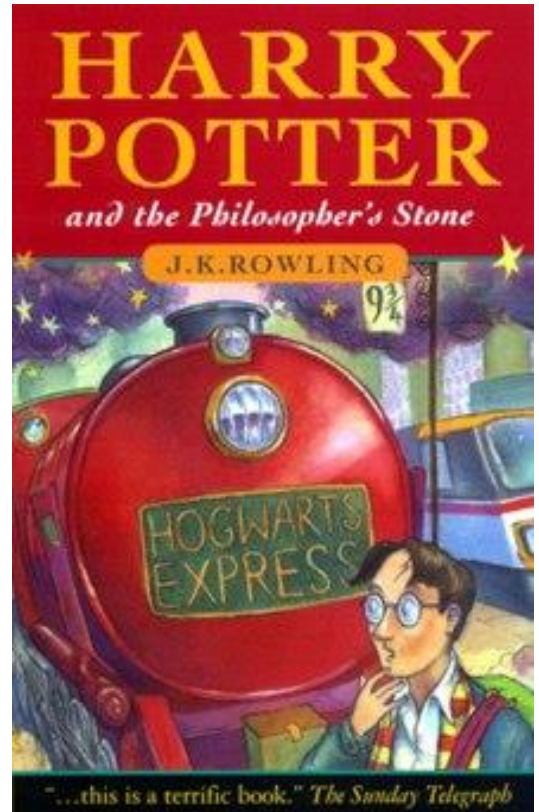
The name 'The Potters' comes from a popular series of books I think you are all very familiar with featuring Harry Potter as the main character.

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

Throughout the books, Harry is determined, courageous and confident in his own abilities. He is a good leader to others and is very honourable.

Harry shows a lot of empathy and compassion to others. These are all qualities we know the class will show next year.

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



Our Classroom

Our classroom from September will be the side of the Pod used by The Skywalkers...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 _____
