

Gold Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2022



Hi,

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had a good Summer.

This is a big year, Year 6. We have a great programme of events throughout the year to support your child through to the end of key stage 2 and prepare them for their next adventure in key stage 3!

In class

Mr Carrington and Mrs Green work with us throughout the week as we split for maths and literacy groups (3 days of each). **Mr Carrington** will also lead the class every Wednesday. **Miss Williams and Mrs Tapadar** will support us in class throughout the week. What a super team!

Curriculum

Please see the planning documents on the Morden Primary website for information on our wider curriculum learning journey over the Autumn Term.

Reading

Reading Journals **must** be handed in on the following mornings, with the expectation that your child has read with you for **20 minutes** at least **5 times** over the previous week.

Monday – Comet; Tuesday – Firecrown;
Wednesday – Rufous; Thursday – Xantus; Friday - Zafiro

If I can share one message with you at the start of the school year, it is the importance of reading.

Benefits of reading for 20 minutes at least 5 times a week*

1. Reading extends and improves vocabulary.
2. Reading makes all subjects easier to access (questions in maths, research in history, etc).
3. Reading inspires wild imaginations.

4. Reading encourages creativity and story-telling.
5. Reading helps to develop empathy.
6. Reading provides a deeper understanding of the world.
7. Reading supports focus and concentration.
8. Reading together creates a special bond and shared family interests.
9. Reading supports cognitive development.
10. Reading can help social skills and interactions.

*[WHY IS READING IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN? | DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS \(HIGHSPEEDTRAINING.CO.UK\)](https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/why-is-reading-important-for-children-development-effects)

Home Learning

CGP Books are now being used for home learning across years 2 - 6. Year 6 are working with the following books:

Year 6 Maths – 10-minute tests

Year 6 English – 10-minute tests

These will be sent home on a **Thursday** and must be returned to school the following **Tuesday**. Home Learning will be marked together in class.

Please do support your child in completing these home learning activities and making sure they are handed in on time.

Weekly tasks and / or time expectations will also be set for Times Table Rock Stars.

There will also be a half-termly project linked to a wider curriculum subject – this term it's French! Please see attached document for more details.

PE

PE will take place every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please make sure that **your child wears their PE kit to school** on these days.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning. Let's go Team Gold!

Mrs Torreiro

