

Year 6 Class Newsletter



Term: Autumn 1

Welcome: We wish to extend a warm welcome to all Delph families. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready to return to school for what will be a memorable year. All staff are prepared to support pupils to achieve their best outcomes this year. All we ask for from pupils is that they put in 100% in all challenges. For this, we also ask for your support in discussing this with your child.

Topic: Our first topic of the year will be investigating the 'Golden Age of Baghdad' by asking, how can an ancient civilisation affect the way we live today? We will consult a range of source material, asking and answering questions throughout our studies. Pupils are encouraged to read and watch content on this topic throughout the half term.

English: Throughout our first half term, staff will be assessing pupils' writing skills using a range of text types. To begin with, we will be asking pupils to write pieces with reduced support, to assess their capabilities. We will then be able to provide updated levels of support based on their current needs. Pupils will write narrative texts, character and setting descriptions, a diary entry and a biography.

Mathematics: We will begin the year exploring place value before progressing onto using the four operations. This can be a challenging time for pupils and your support in discussing lessons at home will be much appreciated. Should your child need any additional support, encourage them to chat with a staff member.

Science: In science sessions, we will study the work of Carl Linnaeus, practising the classification of animals as he did. This will include a range of large and small creatures, so pupils will have opportunities to consider wildlife they are interested in.

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PE: Our PE days for this half term are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. On Wednesday afternoons, we will be swimming at Saddleworth Pool. Requirements for this have been communicated in a separate letter. Our Thursday sessions will be led by our new school dance coach, Tracy. Indoor P.E kits will be required. A reminder that kit expectations are: Delph crew neck white PE t-shirt with school logo / plain, PE navy blue shorts / skort, black pumps (for indoor lessons), trainers (for outdoor lessons), navy blue track suit (KS2 outdoor PE).

Home Learning: In preparation for the transition to high school, our expectation is that pupils are completing one challenge each week. We will support pupils in every way that we can to help them to achieve this, as we understand this is a change to how home learning has previously been completed.

Classroom Equipment: This year, we will be bringing our requirements for classroom equipment in line with our partner high schools. This means pupils will be required to bring in only five items: a pencil, a blue handwriting pen, a ruler, an eraser and a sharpener. All other equipment will be provided. Pupils should bring their equipment in in an appropriate, simple pencil case. Pencil cases with digital read outs or which are excessively large will not be necessary.

Meet the Teacher: We hope that you will be able to attend school on the evening of **Tuesday 16th September** for our Meet the Teacher session. There will be much for us to discuss and opportunities to ask any questions you may have at this stage. If you are unable to make this date, please contact school so we can arrange for any relevant information to be sent home with your child.

We are excited to begin the year and hope you are too. Should you need to talk to a member of school staff, please send a message into the school office and we will contact you as soon as practicable.