

TUDHOE COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Class Teachers: Miss Gray & Mr Skoyles



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Class Novel

This Term, our Class Novel is *Scarper Jack and the Bloodstained Room* by Christopher Russell. It is the story of a young chimney sweep who overhears a murder plot and his adventures with his friends to find the culprits. As usual, most of our English lessons will be based around our class novel. Chat to your child about the what is happening in the book at home, to help them really engage with the story. I wonder if you can find the killer before Jack and his friends!

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have had a fab summer break and you're all ready for the jam paced year you have ahead. This year in Year 6 there will be three members of staff working with pupils in the morning. These will be Miss Gray, Mr Skoyles (a new teacher in school) and Mrs Cullen. You are welcome to come and chat to any of us at any time about any concerns or queries you may have.

Water Bottles!

All pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school, to keep them hydrated through the day. Pupils will be able to refill these as often as needed, but will need to take them home at the end of each school day. Often, pupils have the same bottles as each other so a label or name is always a good idea! Thanks :)

Year 6 SA Ts

SA Ts week will be the week of 14th May 2018.

This year's Year 6 will take the following tests in May:

- Reading test
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test
- Three written maths tests (one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers)

The children will be assessed as to whether they have met the 'National Standard.'

We will have a SA Ts meeting closer to this time, but please come and ask any questions about the tests or how we're getting Year 6 ready!

Reading Rewards!

Our 'POUNDS FOR READING' scheme will continue this year. For each week that pupils read at home four or more times, they will earn £1. Pupils can read either independently or with an adult, but reading records must be signed by an adult to show that a child has read. This money will build up each week and pupils will be taken shopping to spend their earnings on books of their choice. Pupils can read anything that they enjoy, whether it is a book from home, our class library or our school reading scheme (it can even be the newspaper, a games manual, anything...)

School uniform

Please can you ensure that pupils' names are clearly written in all items of school clothing and PE kits. Jumpers are often left outside or PE kits muddled up and it is much quicker and easier to find the rightful owner if their name is inside.

Thank you!

Weekly Afternoon Timetable

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Mon	RE	Arithmetic
Tues	Spelling	PE
Wed	Spelling	Science
Thurs	Spelling	Topic
Fri	Spanish/ Art	Time to Shine

Hello, my name is Mr Skoyles and I'm new to Tudhoe Colliery Primary School. I will be teaching PE, Science, Topic lessons and every other week Art, as well working with Miss Gray and Mrs Cullen in the mornings. I am really looking forward to meeting you all! If you see me, please stop and say Hello!

We also have a new school garden that we will get down to as much as possible. We will have our own beds in the garden and I can't wait for you all to start growing :)

VILE VILLAINS!

Our class topic this term is based around the history of crime and punishment in Britain. We will be learning about famous criminals and looking into their backgrounds (such as Guy Fawkes and Dick Turpin). All of our history, geography and art lessons will be based around this topic. There are lots of exciting lessons planned to discover all about the colourful characters in British History! There will be an optional homework project for you on office 365, on any part of the topic that interests you or something we perhaps didn't cover in our lessons. They will be presented at the end of the topic. In science, we will be looking at Evolution and how different plants and animals have changed to survive. Your challenge is to research this areas to learn as much as you can before we start so you can impress me (Mr Skoyles) with your knowledge,

PE Kit

This term PE will be on Tuesday afternoon and will take place outside, on the MUGA, as often as possible. This means that pupils are likely to need tracksuit bottoms and a jumper in their kit. Most importantly, pupils must have sensible trainers to be able to fully take part in PE lessons. Once a week, we will also try to visit the Little Gym. Pupils should have full PE kit in school every day and are encouraged to bring a separate kit for clubs. All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed during PE sessions.



This year Spanish Lessons will continue across Key Stage 2. Pupils will have a 1 hour Lesson every other week with Mr Matias.

Homework

Daily homework (reading and tables) and spelling books will continue this year and pupils will have set books to record this work in. The spelling books have changed and further details will follow, but there is also a full explanation within the book itself. In addition to the whole school homework book, Year 6 Children will be receiving homework books for Maths and Grammar. They will be given homework each week, on a Wednesday, which will usually be linked to the work we are covering in class. This homework should be handed in by the Monday, ready to be marked and given out again.