

# Yes Minister

## Year 6 Newsletter – September 2020



### Engage – Inspire - Empower

#### Welcome to Year 6!

We hope you all had a lovely time over the summer and are ready to start the new school year. We are looking forward to getting back into the routine of school after a weird and strange lockdown and enjoying your child's last year at JHPS!

Although we are aware that SATs are an important part of Year 6, we will be making sure that the children's mental health and well being are a priority as we support their transition to secondary school and beyond.

#### The Year 6 Team

Holly Class: Alyson and Attia  
PPA Teacher: Andrew

#### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place during the last three weeks of this half term. Due to the current circumstances, these will be held over the phone. See Deborah's newsletter on our website.

#### Reading Books

Throughout September we are not sending books home for the children to read because of the current situation. In the meantime, you will find reading ideas and comprehension activities on your class pages on our website. We are also increasing the amount of time in the school day that we spend on reading.

For up to date information, please refer to our school website at: [www.jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk). You can also keep up to date by downloading the JHPS app on your device.

Our **TOPIC** this half-term is **Yes Minister**. During the topic the children will:

- Use different sources of research to find out about parliament.
- Understand and describe the role of MPs.
- Take part in debates around key issues affecting the UK.
- Understand the Suffragettes and their impact on our voting system.
- Take part in a class election.

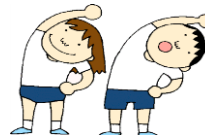
#### PE

PE will be on **Thursday**. This half term we will be focusing on developing our ball skills and taking part in a variety of competitive games.

**Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on Thursday.** As with all uniform, please ensure that items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name on it.

PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and blue shorts. As the weather is becoming cooler, we recommend that children wear blue tracksuit bottoms, with their school sweatshirt and suitable footwear as we will be doing PE outdoors as much as possible.

Please let us know if your child is unable to take part with a note.



#### In class resources

Please bring in a water bottle for your child each day to keep in class for them to access throughout the day. Please make that sure your child's name is clearly written on the bottle. This needs to be taken home to be cleaned at the end of every day.

Children can bring in a pencil case which must stay in school and items cannot be shared.





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## Maths

During the first part of this half term our maths lessons will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move on to look at measures. The children will learn to read, write and convert measures including length, mass, volume and time.

**Tips for maths at home:** Have a go at some of the activities on these websites. <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>  
<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

## English

To begin with, we will be carrying out an exciting whole school English project. The book we are using is a lovely aid for transition as its themes are an important representation of what we are experiencing at the minute. Year 6 will also continue to work on the structure of their writing, including punctuation, writing for different genres and contexts. The children will write manifestos for their political parties and write and deliver speeches.

**Tips for English at home:** Reading with your child every day will really help their learning. You could read to them, listen to them read or read together. You can also do some fun activities online at:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/literacy/>

## Science

Our science topic this half-term is Light. Children will learn that light travels in straight lines and that we see objects because they give out or reflect light into our eyes. We will also research how a sun dial can be used to tell the time.

## Creative Development

In our Art lessons, we will be developing our skills in using oil pastels. Children will evaluate different representations of The Houses of Parliament and then recreate Monet's version in their own style.

## RE

Our first RE topic this year is Moral Maze. This unit will give children the opportunity to hear about people of faith and the dilemmas they have faced. Different religions offer believers support and teaching whilst they are considering the solution to a dilemma. The children will have the opportunity to consider some moral dilemmas and explain how they would solve them.

## Circle Time

During Circle Time, we will be focusing on the children's health and wellbeing by discussing the children's hopes about the new school year and addressing any fears they may have about returning to school. This will be supported with discussions about what is happening within the community and supporting the children to understand the effects of Coronavirus on the community and world. We will also be reminding the children of their growth mind set and thinking about the type of learner they are and how to make the most of their learning time.

### Dates for your diary

**Individual and Sibling Photos:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. (There will not be any PE on this day so all children should be in uniform).

**Jeans for Genes Day:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Children can come to school in non-uniform and wear their jeans. Please bring in £1.00 to go to this important charity.

**Half term:** begins on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Christmas break:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 2.30pm. Return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

And finally, if you have any questions or concerns for us, please send a note in with your child and we will get back to you. We are always happy to help!

Best Wishes, Alyson and Attia